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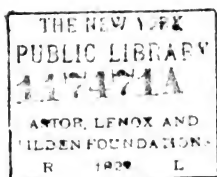
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THE FIRST CONVENTION.*

MINUTES OF A CONVENTION OF THE $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, HELD AT CINCINNATI,
DECEMBER 30, 1851.

IN accordance with the action of the several colleges† of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, the convention called to transact certain business pertaining to the order, met at the Woodruff House, Dec. 30th, 1851. Present in convention: Messrs. Anderson, Bonde, Willson, Elliott, Lane, Ross and Harrison.‡ Convention proceeded to

* Under the caption, "Abstract from the Minutes of the First Phi Delta Theta Convention," an account of the proceedings of a convention held in the Walnut Street House, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 30, 1856, appeared in the SCROLL for May, 1879. Some years ago, while examining the archives of Indiana Alpha and Kentucky Alpha, I ran across frequent references to an earlier convention, and to a higher degree of the Order, which it was proposed to organize among chosen alumni of the Society. Since then I have endeavored to discover some additional facts about this earlier convention, to be used in the History of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ which I have in preparation. I did not expect or hope to find a full account of the proceedings, but most fortunately the very document that I needed was placed in my hands. During the summer I have had considerable correspondence upon historical matters with Rev. Robert Morrison, the venerated brother who took a principal part in the formation of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and, later, has done so much, in so many ways, to benefit the Fraternity. He has followed the excellent plan of preserving his fraternity papers, and out of his collection he sent me what probably was the only copy of the minutes of the Convention of 1851 in existence. Above is printed a verbatim copy of the copy loaned by him and now returned. W. B. PALMER.

† Having seen in old documents chapters alluded to as "colleges," I wrote to brother Morrison for an explanation, and he answered: "Chapters at first were so called, though by some, and for a while, also called colleges." W. B. P.

‡ An examination of the catalogue will show that these were John Alexander Anderson, Ohio Alpha, '53; John Knox Bonde, Ohio Alpha, '52; John McMillan Wilson, Ohio Alpha, '49; Robert Gaston Elliott, Indiana Alpha, '50; Isaac Stanley Lane, Ohio Alpha, '52; Lewis Williams Ross, Ohio Alpha, '52, and Benjamin Harrison, Ohio Alpha, '52. There were several Elliotts initiated in earlier years, but the identity of this one is fixed by the following from brother Morrison: "The Elliott at the first convention was Robert G.—, a charter member of Indiana Alpha." Concerning the spelling of Wilson's name, it will be well to notice the following related facts: Wilson died in

organize by calling Mr. Lane to the chair. The report of the committee appointed by the Ohio Δ of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, to read before the convention a succinct account of the occasion and nature of the discipline lately imposed by that chapter upon two of its members, James H. Childs and Jos. G. McNutt, was then called for, read, amended and received.* The report of the Committee

1874. In the fifth edition of the catalogue, published in 1883, I spelled the name "Willson," on the authority of brother Morrison, who wrote that he had stated to him his intention of following that spelling. On receipt recently of the lithographs of the portraits and autographs of the six founders, I saw that only one "l" was used in the name, and called the attention of brother Stearns, Historian of the General Council, to what I supposed to be an error. In return he sent me a late letter from Wilson's brother Mr. Archibald Willson, of Liberty, Ind. Mr. Wilson signs his name with one "l" only. Brother Stearns also sent me some autographs furnished by Mr. Wilson. One dated 1841, was "John M. M. Wilson;" others dated 1861, 1862 and 1864, were "J. M. M. Wilson." These being forwarded to brother Morrison, he wrote: "I remember well when Wilson told me 'long time ago' that he intended to use two 'll's' in his name, and you see that I use both in the order on our first jeweler August 24, 1849 (I never spell at random). Friends or financial considerations may have induced him to fall back on the one 'l.' Let it go *Willson*. I have been faithful to his request. That was no mistake of mine, but tally one, if you think best, in this business against me." Brother Morrison adds: "Wilson's name on the Miami University catalogue has two 'll's." Having drifted in this footnote beyond subjects directly relating to the convention, I can here opportunely publish the order on the first jeweler to which brother Morrison alludes:

"OXFORD, O., 24th Aug, 1849.

"MESSRS. BEGGS & SMITH, GENTLEMEN:

"Please let the bearer, Mr. John M. M. Willson, or order, have two more pins—the two I ordered sometime since of you—($\Phi \Delta \Theta$ badges, you know). He will pay you for them on their delivery. Very truly yours,

"ROBERT MORRISON."

Mr. A. Wilson, in writing to brother Stearns, says: "I enclose what you desire, a few autographs of my brother, John M. M. Willson, hastily culled from a mass of old letters and papers I have in possession; also a small memento (a letter to my brother from Mr. Morrison) of the 'day of small beginnings.'" This little note was sent by brother Stearns to me, and by me to brother Morrison. Its discovery curiously illustrates how important papers of historical interest are often accidentally found. This paper is especially valuable at this time, to disprove the statement made by Dr. Kemper in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for April, 1885 that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ had trouble about getting badges made, and did not wear them at Miami before $\Delta K E$ badged out in 1852. The order on the jeweler proves that our design was adopted and badges worn before August, 1849. I will be able to prove this by other evidence in my history. Since the foregoing was written, the following has been received from brother Morrison: "It is hard to understand what Dr. Kemper means in the *\Delta K E Quarterly* of April ult., when he says of the $\Delta K E$ pin, 'It was the first Greek badge displayed at Miami,' for hundreds of times the crescent of $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ and the diamond star of $B \Phi \Pi$ had been publicly seen at Miami; and the doctor himself, when a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, had a badge, and when he left the Order, at the time Childs and McNutt were turned out he returned the pin to the fraternity and received the cash therefor from L. W. Ross. So says the official minutes of Ohio Alpha, page 65." W. B. P.

* Unfortunately the report is not given, but I think I have seen it in archives that I have examined, and I expect to find it. A full review of this case, compiled by brother Morrison from the original minutes of Ohio Alpha,

on Ways and Means of establishing new chapters of the order of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in the various literary institutions of the West and Southwest was called for, and the following submitted :

"In accordance with the action of Ohio A of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 'that a committee be appointed to report to the convention on the establishment of other chapters of the Order,' the committee would respectfully suggest that the University of Virginia, the University of Nashville, Kenyon, Western Reserve and Jefferson Colleges are suitable places for the establishment of such chapters, the literary character of those institutions being such as would not detract from the acquired reputation of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.* A chapter may be established at the University of Nashville through the agency of Mr. Robert Morrison ; at Kenyon College, through Messrs. Joseph and John W. Lindley ; at Jefferson College, through Mr. Hugh T. McHatton. We are unable to say at present by what means the University of Virginia and Western Reserve College may be reached. JOHN A. ANDERSON."

On motion, the report of the committee was received and further action indefinitely postponed. The committee appointed by the Ohio A to draft a plan of organization for a higher order of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, then placed before the convention the following report :†

was published in the SCROLL for March, 1882, and he will give attention in the SCROLL to Dr. Kemper's article concerning the trial of these two men, their expulsion from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for habitual drunkenness (Dr. Kemper says for maintaining their independence), and their subsequent organization of the Miami chapter of $\Delta K E$. Childs and McNutt became members of what Dr. Kemper calls the "Immortal Six." Afterwards, according to the same authority, Jacob Cooper, of Yale, "apparently unacquainted with the facts related," approached one of these "upon the subject of a chapter of $\Delta K E$, and left the whole matter in their hands." Brother Morrison writes: "Childs and McNutt were expelled six months before they had Deke offers, or about that time." W. B. P.

* It is interesting to note that the Fraternity has never entered the University of Nashville (now closed), Kenyon or Western Reserve, and did not enter the University of Virginia until 1873, and Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College until 1875. Columbus S. Doolittle and Joseph Lindley—the former a tutor and the latter a student at Kenyon—were initiated to establish a chapter there, but they did not succeed. The course of the Fraternity before the war lay in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Texas. W. B. P.

† This higher order was a unique thing among college fraternities. It preceded any attempt of any other fraternity to place the power to grant charters and the power of supervision over chapters in the hands of experienced alumni. As yet, however, I have not found out whether the higher order was ever endowed with these powers by a vote of a majority of the chapters, as provided in the resolution concerning the adoption of the constitution. Brother Morrison gives me the following items about the higher order: "It was the plan of Wilson and myself to have a second story to the order, and to be composed of chosen alumni ; and, while the lower and first grade was to be called the ' $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society,' the other, selected solely from the first, was to be called the 'Society of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.'" Art. I., Sec. 3 of the constitution (*q. v.*), how-

"The graduate members of the colleges of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, the better to fulfill the pledges of the Bond of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, specially to cultivate its enjoined friendship, to seek its standard of intellectual attainments, to preserve its pledged morality, and to bring to bear its principles upon society, do ordain and establish this constitution for the order of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$:

"ARTICLE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

"Sec. 1. Every member of any college of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, who has attained the degree of A. B., or its equivalent, and who has, while within his college, fulfilled the obligations of the Board of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, shall be a candidate for admission into the Order.

"Sec. 2. Upon the presentation of a certificate to this effect from their respective colleges, such candidates may receive diplomas of membership.

"Sec. 3. Diplomas of membership may also be conferred on such others of like grade as are contemplated in the Board of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

"ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

"Sec. 1. The officers of the Order of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ shall be a President, one Vice-President for each College of the Order, a Reporting and a Recording Secretary.

"Sec. 2. The President shall preside, decide questions of order, subject to appeal, and appoint committees.

"Sec. 3. The Vice-Presidents in the order of age shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his call.

"Sec. 4. The Reporting Secretary shall report the proceedings

ever. allowed membership to be conferred on "others of like grade." With regard to this brother Morrison writes : "It was in my plan, and Wilson's as well, that the 'Society of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ' should be composed solely of the members of the ' $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society' or fraternity, and of *chosen* men from that body. That was to be the rule—other cases were to be exceptional, as the convention determined." Referring to Harrison's letter, published in advance, brother Morrison writes : "The 'Society of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ' was what was meant by 'the *real* $\Phi \Delta \Theta$,' and was meant to be 'a *permanent* organization.'" I have in my possession a pamphlet of 23 pages containing an address on "The Proper Method of Conducting the Study of History," "delivered before the Society of the 'Phi Delta Theta,' at the Miami University, June 29, 1853, by the Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D.D., of Louisville, Ky." Brother Morrison has a pamphlet containing a poem by Prof. Charles Elliott, read before the same body, on the same date. Brother Morrison says : "Prof. Charles Elliott was then—June, 1853—a member of the fraternity and frequently attended the sessions of the *Olivo Alpha*," which goes to sustain the statement of the editors of the *Quarterly* in their memorandum to Dr. Kemper's article that, "To control a force which they could not destroy, the faculty encouraged the organization of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$." The result of this ambitious effort to establish a higher order is thus told by brother Morrison : "It was not convenient for me to follow up and complete the plan after 1853, and I thought it best to let things go on for a while in the old grooves until we should have more a'ummi to aid in the business ; and then, ere long, on came the war, which for the time broke up our Phi work."

W. B. P.

of every meeting of the Order, with all other papers, to the Recording Secretary.

"Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary shall record all the proceedings, preserve the papers of the Order, and act as its Correspondent and Treasurer.

"ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS.

"Sec. 1. An annual reunion of the Order shall be held at such times and places as it may determine.

"Sec. 2. The Reunion, a quorum of twelve being present, shall have power to elect officers, to confer diplomas of membership, and to transact all the business of the Order.

"Sec. 3. The Reunion shall sit with closed doors, but its private business only shall come within the intent and meaning of the Bond of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

"Sec. 4. The Order, at its reunions, may be represented by a public address or other appropriate exercises.

"Sec. 5. The Order may engage in any enterprise, not involving pecuniary taxation, that will carry out the objects of its organization, but shall create or sustain no party in politics, religion or science.

"ARTICLE IV.—POWERS.

Sec. 1. The Order shall have the power of supervision over the colleges of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in all matters pertaining to the common good.

"Sec. 2. It shall have power to grant charters of organization to its colleges, or resume them for sufficient cause.

"Sec. 3. It shall have power to hear and decide finally all appeals or other questions arising in any of its colleges.

"Sec. 4. It shall have power to alter or amend its constitution, but shall not change its relations to its colleges without their consent."

On motion, the above report was received. The convention then proceeded to adopt it article by article, which resulted in its complete adoption, with one dissenting voice. The following resolutions were then presented by Mr. Elliott, and, on motion, were passed by the convention :

"*Resolved*, 1st. That this constitution be transmitted to each college of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

"*Resolved*, 2d. That the fourth article be submitted for their sanction.

"*Resolved*, 3d. That when the fourth article shall have been approved by a majority of the colleges, they shall be required to make such alterations in the Articles of Union as the relations between the colleges and the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ established by the fourth article of the constitution of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ may require."

A committee was then appointed, consisting of Messrs. Harri-

son, Willson and Ross, to transmit the proceedings of the Convention to the several colleges of the Order. On motion the Convention adjourned.

BENJA. HARRISON,
Secretary of Convention.*

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ALABAMA ALPHA. †

From Brother Gaston.

THE dark clouds which have been hanging so heavily over Alabama Alpha have been dispelled and she now basks in the glorious light of freedom. Since 1877 she has withstood the most vigorous attack ever made by trustees against fraternities, and she has continued to prosper until at our last Commencement at the University she presented for the admiration and pride of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ the finest band from Alabama's fine material. Although our chapter was apparently dead after the war made against fraternities in 1877, it was re-organized under favorable circumstances in 1884. The trustees, seeing that it was unreasonable to attempt to withstand the pressure brought to bear upon

* The copy of the minutes in brother Morrison's possession were sent to him by the Secretary of the Convention, with the following letter :

“OXFORD, OHIO, Feb. 19, 1852.

“BROTHER MORRISON :

“Supposing that you would like to read the full proceedings of our wise heads in convention assembled, I have taken the pains to transcribe a copy of them for you. In the constitution you are personally interested as a graduate member of the Order ; does it meet your views ? After the adjournment of the convention, Willson, Elliott and the undergraduates of Miami proceeded to resolve ourselves into the real $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, as the only way of getting the thing under way at once. We appointed a reunion for next Commencement at Old Miami, at which time we hope to have all the graduated members of the Order present, that we may effect a *permanent* organization. Our chapter here is in a very happy condition ; harmony of feeling and unity of effort are both present with us. Accept my best wishes for your prosperity, and believe me, sir,

“Yours respectfully,

“B. HARRISON, Chair'n of Com. of Cor'sp.”

Brother Morrison writes : “In regard to the first convention—it was thinly attended. Those were days before railroads, and much of the travel to the river towns was on the water, and the Ohio river at that time was frozen over.” Though the number of delegates was small, and but two chapters were represented, the *personnel* of the convention was remarkably high. Ross is now Chancellor of the Law Department of the State University of Iowa ; Anderson is a Member of Congress from Kansas ; Harrison is a United States Senator from Indiana, and the other members who were present have occupied no unimportant positions in life.

W. B. P.

† In a private letter Glenn Andrews (Tenn. A, '83) writes:

“The restrictions were removed, sure enough, at Tuscaloosa. Of course, Tennessee Alpha had a hand in the affair. Tomlinson (Tenn. A, '82) of Birmingham, went before the Trustees, and brought things to a focus. Le Grand (Tenn. A, '83), of Montgomery, also was on the ground and did good work.”

them by the fraternities, proposed that they (the fraternities) send a committee to represent them before their body.

Armed with a plan, suggested by the writer, the following representatives were sent before the board: Mr. H. B. Foster, ΣN ; Mr. J. E. Long, $K A$; and brothers J. W. Tomlinson and M. P. LeGrand, $\Phi A \Theta$. In their addresses all of the gentlemen did honor to their fraternities. They stated the facts in a plain, straightforward manner which won the admiration and confidence of the trustees. When it was announced that fraternities had prevailed and the laws were repealed, a shout of joy rang throughout the University halls, a shout which will be taken up and echoed and re-echoed throughout all fraternity circles.

On Wednesday, the 17th, we had a meeting, and initiated the following men:

Class of '85.

W. J. Boothe, Montgomery, Alabama.	
W. M. Browder, Gallion,	"
L. V. Clark, Mobile,	"
H. R. Dawson, Selma,	"
A. A. Evans, Seale,	"
J. W. Gilbert, Gainesville,	"
O. L. Gray, De Sotoville,	"
C. P. Gunter, Montgomery,	"
P. W. Jones, Demopolis,	"
A. L. McLeod, Grove Hill,	"
Daniel Pratt, Prattville,	"
S. S. Pugh, Grove Hill,	"
J. R. Vidmer, Mobile,	"
R. P. Wetmore, Livingston,	"

Class of '86.

W. E. Booker, Uniontown, Alabama.	
W. W. Campbell, Tuskegee,	"
E. B. Cottingham, Six Mile,	"
G. W. Feagin, Midway,	"
A. M. Gasber, Jr., Livingston,	"
T. E. Gary, Selma,	"
F. P. Gibson, Mobile,	"
O. A. Hobdy, Snow Hill,	"
J. L. Horn, Livingston,	"
V. W. Jones, Camden,	"
A. W. Nelson, Selma,	"
A. E. Pace, Geneva,	"
H. A. Sayre, Montgomery,	"
R. A. Wright, Greensboro,	"

Class of '87.

B. L. Boykin, Selma,	Alabama.
J. M. Dedman, Selma,	"
Reuben Hatter, Eutaw,	"
C. L. Hooton, Pleasant Ridge,	"
S. J. McCoy, Mobile,	"
W. B. Oliver, Eutaw,	"
W. W. Quarles, Selma,	"
W. B. Saffold, Selma,	"
R. M. Searcy, Tuskaloosa,	"
H. P. Williams, Aberdeen,	Mississippi.

Class of '88.

W. C. Tunstall, Greensboro, Alabama.

Of six Academic prizes $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ took three, also medal for best drilled man, the only military prize offered. Of fourteen commissioned officers just appointed for the session of '85-'86, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has 9. ΣN 2, $K A$ 2, Non-Fraternity 1. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has all four captains—brothers Garber, Hobdy, V. W. Jones and Campbell—which are considered the highest honors attainable. Of five editors of the college paper, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has 1, ΣN 2, $K A$ 1, Non-Fraternity 1.

We initiated Assistant Professors S. N. Lapsley, of Vinton, Ala., and John Daniel, of Summerfield, Ala., who were graduated with honors in the class of '84. They are from the best young men of Alabama and will do credit to our fraternity. We had 28 men on the honor roll and all the others stood high in their respective classes. Brother P. W. Jones received a very high compliment through the columns of the Montgomery *Daily Advertiser*.

ZELL GASTON.

June 25, 1885.

From Brother Le Grand.

FOR the past eight years there have been at the University of Alabama very stringent restrictions against fraternities, and every effort heretofore to break through or have them modified has been a failure. So, as a last extremity, we had such men as we wished as members to send a petition, signed by the major part of the corps, to the Board of Trustees, which was last spring referred to a committee, with instructions to report at Commencement. This committee was at first disposed to report adversely. Appreciating this fact, Tomlinson, Gaston and myself, as representatives of our fraternity, with representatives from the ΣN and $K A$ orders, asked a hearing from the Board. This request was granted. The object of our respective fraternities was explained, some lobbying was done, the restrictions were removed, and once more the shackles were lifted from the students and

they walked forth as men. In five minutes after the official announcement was made, I was in one of the society halls, in barracks, with forty-two of the unenlightened around me. But they did not remain barbarians long, for within three and a half hours they had emerged from the darkness into the full light of Grecian culture. They were the cream of the institution in point of scholarship and representatives from the best families in our commonwealth. This number was, of course, of two years' standing and work. Trust us, and we shall have the banner chapter, as well as the best State organization in the fraternity.

July 3, 1885.

M. P. LE GRAND, JR.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

THREE Greek-letter fraternities were founded at Miami—Beta Theta Pi in 1839, Phi Delta Theta in 1848, and Sigma Chi in 1855—and chapters of several other fraternities were established, the first among them—the first Greek-letter chapter in Ohio—being the Miami chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, in 1835. A college paper was started very soon after the opening of school—*The Literary Focus*, in 1827. This was followed by *The Literary Register*, and, later still, by *The Miami Student*, one of the best college papers ever published. Opportunities for further scholastic enterprise were furnished by the establishment, within a mile of the university grounds, of the Oxford Female College, and the Western Female Seminary—opportunities which were promptly embraced.

In the forty-nine years between 1824 and 1873, nearly 1,000 students graduated from Miami, and many who did not graduate received all her college education within her walls. This body of men, scattered through the South and all the West, have accomplished rather more than their share of the world's work. Some, turning their attention to education, established, or helped to establish, other colleges, in widely separated places—Erskine College, in South Carolina; Wabash College, in Indiana; Monmouth College, in Illinois; Westminster College, in Missouri; Farmers' College, in Ohio, and Beyroot College, in Syria. They also furnished a president to each of six other colleges in different States, and taught far and near as professors or school teachers. In public life Miami counts six Governors of five different States, among the number of "War Governors" of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois—Dennison, Morton and Yates—a minister to Great Britain, and a minister to Portugal, two United States Senators, several judges, and an unrecorded number of Members of Congress and of the State Legislatures. In a "Roll of Honor," published by the university authorities in 1867, are found the names of six generals, twenty-one colonels, nine majors, thirty captains, and

thirteen surgeons—students of Miami serving in the Union armies during the war. In the Confederate armies also there were many Miami students, some holding important commands, but the writer has not been able to obtain any list of them which is even passably complete. A large proportion of the graduates of Miami—about one-fourth, at the date of the last triennial catalogue, in 1867—have become ministers of the Gospel; not quite so large a number had taken to the law. In both lists are several well-known names.

Surrounded by the stern realities of the West, and by its opportunities of great material prosperity, the students of Western colleges could not fairly have been expected to show much inclination for purely literary pursuits. And, in fact, the professed literary man is hard to find among the graduates of Miami. However, the names of the Rev. Dr. Swing, of Chicago, class of '52, and W. S. Kennedy, of New York, a more recent graduate, and W. M. Thompson, of '28 (*quoad* the author of "The Land and the Book"), occur at the moment. Newspaper men, on the other hand, are found somewhat readily. Prominent among them are J. J. Faran, former editor and proprietor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, and Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York *Tribune*.

The graduates of Miami take no little personal interest in their *Alma Mater*. They themselves had much to do in the work accomplished by the school—the work of education, in the proper sense of the term, as distinguished from mere instruction, and one in which the mutual influence of the students counted for quite as much as the lectures of the professors. This interest manifested itself last June, when, it having been announced that the re-opening of Miami would be celebrated by a "re-union" at Oxford, nearly two hundred of the graduates, representing all but nine of the forty-eight graduating classes, assembled from far and near. It was a pleasant and an auspicious gathering. Many a long-interrupted friendship was re-established under the old oaks of the most beautiful college campus in the country, and college mates who had not met for a quarter of a century or longer found themselves shaking hands with a youthful heartiness that surprised them, or, in the inspiration of the moment, recalling the almost forgotten nicknames of their college days. It was estimated that, by the time the banquet, which the citizens of Oxford spread for the occasion, was served, more than twenty-five hundred venerable college jokes had appeared—none much the worse for age—while, under the influence of their youthful recollections, several gray-haired graduates were seen to grow twenty years younger. The little village of Oxford, too, was looking its prettiest for the occasion—and there are few villages prettier than Oxford—a typical college town; retired, yet easy of access; quiet, yet pros-

perous in business; a place of attractive homes, of well-kept yards, and of wide, clean streets which, with a margin of close turf on each side of the wagon track, stretch away between long rows of shade trees.

There was much besides the enthusiasm of the meeting to encourage the friends of Miami at the reunion. The university, it was announced, was free of debt, the assured income from rents and investments was estimated at \$10,000 a year, the State had just recognized the claims of the institution in a donation of \$20,000 for repairs—the outlook for new students was altogether flattering.

Nor have any clouds overcast this first brightness of the dawn. Indeed, since the reunion the indications have grown more assuring that the revived "Old Miami," all the stronger for the past, is about to begin a new career of prosperity and wide usefulness.
—CHAS. M. HEPBURN, in the *Beta Theta Pi*.

NEWS AND NOTES.

$\Sigma A E$ has furnished $B \Theta \Pi$ what it has long prayed for—a rival chapter at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

$X \Psi$ and ΣN have asked permission of the Trustees of Emory College to establish chapters, and the request has been granted.

MEMBERSHIP in the fraternities at the University of California is as follows: $Z \Psi$ (1870), 13; $X \Phi$ (1875), 13; $\Delta K E$ (1876), 17; $B \Theta \Pi$ (1879), 18. The *Blue and Gold* reports the establishment of $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ in the law department, and also the death of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $K K \Gamma$ during the past year.

THE $\Delta T \Delta$ *Crescent* will be published by Mr. Plummer, of Chicago, as editor-in-chief. The *Crescent* is now in the hands of the alumni.

$\Delta K E$ has been established at Central University, Ky. The other fraternities having chapters there are $\Sigma A E$, ΣN , $A T \Omega$.

$\Psi \Gamma$ has intended to issue a supplement to its catalogue of 1879, or a simple list with a few notes, and a residence directory for pocket use, to fill up the long interval between two great catalogues, but we learn that at its recent convention it decided to abandon these plans, and ordered a new, elaborate edition to be prepared by January 1, 1887.

EDITORIAL.

ONCE again we say welcome to all, bright with hopes and resolutions for the coming year. The work of last year was most earnest and the progress of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ correspondingly satisfactory, and we can reasonably expect that our results in '85-'86 will be even better than those of the year that has just passed.

In many ways has the fraternity been moving forward. The attention paid to internal improvement, the excellent discussion of fraternity questions, the enthusiastic management of the minor conventions have been but a few of the many signs indicating an increased interest in $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and general activity no longer confined to a few men. Many efficient workers have left the ranks of active membership and can be no longer looked to for participation in the details of chapter routine. Their loss should be felt temporarily only, and such is the elasticity of our system that their places should be readily filled.

Upon the undergraduates devolves now—as always in the past and as ever in the future—the brunt of the responsibility for success, and we feel assured that not one chapter will be found wanting in the fulfillment of its work. May our expectations not prove vainglorious!

WITH the initial number of a new volume it may be well to outline the policy of the editors. Some changes in the SCROLL were made last year, and our experience has suggested others.

Chapter letters will be published in full. There will be, if possible, no summarizing. Yet it will be useful to reporters, as well as convenient to the editors, to follow a few suggestions. Reports should be terse, concise. A condensed and succinct style should be cultivated, and diffuseness and cheap metaphor eschewed. There is a tendency in some reporters, not alone of this journal, but of others, to “pad” letters with much verbiage. “The glittering golden weapons” and numerous phrases of the same kind can easily be dispensed with, saving space and improving the literary character of a report. In short, let us have plain, straightforward, pithy records of chapter life.

Under the "Initiates" department are classified the names of new members. Special care should be taken to state the names of initiates in full, their residence and class, and month of initiation. The necessity and benefit of this classifying new names needs no comment. Commencing with the November number, these lists will be published on alternate months. The "Personal" column is of far greater importance than many suppose; for it is often the only source from which old classmates learn of each other's doings; and no items are of more interest to the average alumnus than these. Consequently, we propose to publish at intervals of two or three numbers extensive personal information, if chapter members will furnish us the required aid.

Our review of other fraternities last year was somewhat meagre. We do not believe in following the example of some of our contemporaries, who seem to consider that they have reviewed an exchange when they devote a ten-line paragraph to us, informing us that the SCROLL is still up to its standard and has its usual number of chapter letters. Nor do we believe in total silence. We hope, therefore, to strike the happy mean by devoting—let us say—three full reviews to our contemporaries during the coming year.

We shall expect contributions pertinent to fraternity questions. We cannot agree with those who would have a fraternity organ deal with purely literary subjects. The mission of the Greek press, as we understand it, is limited; and if it does well the work within its own sphere, it need not look beyond for new tasks.

If we shall be able to present articles showing study and thought on fraternity problems, we shall have succeeded admirably.

SINCERE congratulations must be extended to Alabama Alpha, and the chapters of ΣN and $K A$, on their breaking down the barriers which ignorance or distorted information on the part of the authorities had reared up before them for so many years. The success attained by the representatives of the three fraternities is but another proof of the mistaken views which some college faculties hold so long on the fraternity question. In the majority of cases, the professors at anti-fraternity colleges are gentlemen of

liberality and culture, whose aversion to the system arises either from complete ignorance of fraternities and their works, or from confused and absurd notions arising from this ignorance. We feel assured that all that is necessary is a fair hearing in antagonistic institutions, and *sub rosa* chapters would thenceforth be unheard of.

In Alabama Alpha we hope to have a successful and enterprising chapter, and, if beginnings are of significance, we do not fear disappointment.

It is our great privilege to announce the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha at Miami. Full account of the occasion will be published in our next number.

"THE Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was founded at Miami University, in the year 1848, by Robert Morrison, Ardivan W. Rodgers, Robert T. Drake, John W. Lindley, John McM. Wilson and Andrew W. Rogers.

"The General Council take pleasure in announcing that in pursuance of an act of the General Convention, the Fraternity has, at the expense of much trouble and patience, secured, as a part of the historical archives of our Fraternity, portraits of the founders of Phi Delta Theta. In several cases, the parties being deceased, great difficulty was encountered in bringing to light the desired portrait, but by the diligent efforts of brothers Robert Morrison, A. G. Foster and W. B. Palmer, they have all been secured, together with the autographs of each, and in two instances we have in our possession the only pictures of these men known to be in existence." It has, therefore, been thought best, in order to preserve these likenesses in a more lasting and durable form, to have them reproduced and enlarged. This work has been done at considerable expense to the Fraternity by W. J. Morgan & Co., lithographers, Cleveland, Ohio. And for the purpose of bringing these portraits within the reach of members and chapters, the General Council have ordered a few hundred sets made, and will be able to furnish the same to those members who may desire it, at a nominal price of sixty cents per set, which, it is expected, will about cover the cost price and expense of forwarding.

The portraits, with autographs, are printed on separate sheets, size 11 by 14, and it is suggested that chapters can secure nothing more appropriate with which to adorn their chapter halls than the pictures of the founders of our Fraternity. The work has been pronounced a very correct representation of the originals, and will form a valuable addition to the collection of Phi pictures, which most members now have."

We can simply reiterate the words of the above extract from the Council's circular. The enterprise demands universal support and the Council has contributed much to the success of the undertaking by placing the cost of the set at such a small sum. Not one chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ should fail to respond to the call.

We publish in this number the first of a series of interesting historical articles which brother Palmer purposes compiling.

Particular notice should be taken of the passing remarks upon A. C. Kemper's article in the *\Delta K E Quarterly*, of June, 1884. Further information is to be furnished by brother Robert Morrison, to show how absurd are some of the statements of Mr. Kemper.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

At the beginning of this, another year of College and Fraternity life, it may be opportune for me to call your attention to one point.

At this time, when you are scanning the new class for men fit to become members of Phi Delta Theta, remember this, that one good man is worth any number of weak men. If there is a fault to be found with our Fraternity, it is that the character of some of its chapters is not quite what it should be. Now, it is the character of the individual members that determines the character of the chapter, and hence is the necessity of a very careful selection of new men. Choose such men as are likely to be men of prominence in their college, and in coming to the front themselves, these men will bring their chapter to the front with them.

Then, too, let each member realize the responsibility that rests on him for the progress and growth of his chapter; let each duty be done in the right way and at the right time.

Keep these suggestions in mind, and if, at our next conven-

tion, we can find the chapters of Alpha Province renewed in strength, it will be a matter of greater congratulation than the founding of new chapters.

September 24, 1885.

GEO. E. SAWYER.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EPSILON PROVINCE.

WITH the beginning of the new college and fraternity year, let us begin anew our fraternity work with revived energies and invigorated spirits. The past years of our work have been wonderfully successful; let us make this year still more so. Refreshed by the summer's vacation, and rested from college duties for nearly three months, let every member who has returned to his college and his chapter, return with the firm determination to do his part well. The measure of that determination on your part will be the measure of the success of your chapter.

Many of the old comrades and standard-bearers of your chapters will not return, for they have been graduated and have gone out into the struggle of life; but if you realize your responsibility you can fill their places and put on the fraternity armor, with the shield on your breast and the dagger in your hand, and you can fight as good a battle as they have fought. And these members who have fought their good fight and passed out will yet look longingly and confidently to you to achieve new victories, and to keep the watchfires burning brightly on the altars of the dear old Fraternity.

There is a great responsibility resting upon every active member of our Province, and it is a splendid thing to bear well that responsibility. If you discharge well that duty to your chapter and fraternity, you will benefit yourself and others, and you will be proud of it when you have taken your chapter parole in after years. These college and fraternity years are a fine test of the manly faithfulness of those who belong to the fraternity. To the active members of the Epsilon Province I desire to say that no one can look to you with more confidence and hope, and expectation that your fraternity work will be splendidly done, than I do. I am certain that every member of the province will recognize that the magnificent growth which our fraternity has enjoyed has been the result of *hard* work applied to splendid principles, and that what you expect to accomplish for your chapter and the fraternity must be done by constant and hard work.

Let us turn our efforts to an internal improvement, knowing that if we are internally sound and prosperous, we will be externally sound and prosperous. First, what we have, let us keep in fine condition. If there are any rusty old guns in the regiment, let them be burnished immediately. As you all know, the place for your exertions is in your chapter. Let us try to make each of our chapters the best in the college where it is situated, and

not content with that, let each chapter be made as good as it can possibly be made by constant work. I sincerely hope that your chapter reports may reveal the fact that you have gotten your share of the worthy new men who have entered your college. Let me suggest that you study your men well before "spiking" them.

You are, no doubt, aware that a great deal of our strength and of the good which you can accomplish consist in the regularity and excellence of the chapter meetings. Good chapter meetings are absolutely necessary for chapter and fraternity prosperity. More, they are necessary that the active members may receive the great benefits which the fraternity was designed to and does most abundantly bestow. They should be held as regularly as the evenings for them arrive. Every active member ought to consider it a paramount duty to attend them and take an active part in them as regularly as they are held. It will not do for members to begin to slight their meetings. It is ruinous to any chapter. If one member gets in the habit of staying away from meetings, it has a discouraging effect and others get at it, and then the chapter is in a dangerous condition. In the meetings we get the real benefits of a fraternity. Let them be made interesting with your very best productions, with your finest brain work. Don't go to your chapter meeting unprepared. Let them be harmonious, for harmony is one most essential element of our growth and strength. Our chapters have always been singularly free from dissensions. Our fraternity, which comprises the four geographical sections of this country, is all that could possibly be asked in the way of perfect harmony. Each chapter will certainly put forth an especial effort to profit in this regard by the splendid example which our fraternity at large has set, and to preserve the utmost harmony and accord in the least details of chapter action.

I have been led to speak to you, my dear brothers, of these things at this beginning of a new college year, on account of their importance, and not because there is any doubt of your knowledge and appreciation and your faithful observance of them. I hope to hear from many of the members of the province during the year, to rejoice in your success, and to meet you at our annual Province Convention at Indianapolis, next April.

September 18, 1885.

J. M. GOODWIN.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.*

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

COLBY is among the first to open in the autumn, and September 4th saw eighteen valiant Phis back to their work, invigorated by the summer's recreation and labor, enthusiastic and brimful of energy. The work of "fishing" for men in the freshman class was immediately and earnestly prosecuted; with what success it is, perhaps, premature to say now. But we hope in the next issue of the SCROLL to report a goodly number of men who are pledged to join us. We were unfortunate in losing two men who were "spiked," and who have decided not to enter college this year.

Our chapter received a very cordial invitation from our sister, Vermont A, to be present on Friday night, September 25, at her invitation, on which occasion a large number of exceptionally fine men are to join her ranks. Unfortunately, none of us could accept. It is encouraging, however, to hear such good reports from other chapters.

Of our '85 men, Fuller is studying law with the well-known firm, Symonds & Libby, Portland; Carroll is engaged in business preparatory to a law course, and Barton, *quondam*, '85, expects to be admitted to the Kennebec bar in a few months.

We all sincerely unite in our wishes that all other chapters may be amply successful in the "fall campaign."

September 24, 1885.

GEORGE E. GOOGINS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

THE Commencement week just ended has been of unusual interest to Dartmouth College. The dedication of Rollins chapel and Wilson Hall makes a new era in her history, while the addition of several new features to the class-day exercises made that day unusually interesting to the customary crowd of visitors and friends. The new chapel in beauty, symmetry and utility is all that the most critical could desire, and Wilson Hall is a commodious fireproof building, admirably fitted to hold the valuable collection of books belonging to the college library. It has a capacity of 130,000 volumes, and is supplied with reading and consultation rooms and a cosy art gallery.

Our chapter loses no members by the graduation of the class of '85. All things considered, New Hampshire Alpha has made

* A large number of letters have been received since September 1. It was, however, deemed best to publish those which related to Commencement, and to defer the rest till No. 2.

good progress since her organization last October. Convenient and comfortable apartments have been secured for a hall, which will be furnished and ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term.

The chapter has a representative from the class of '86 on *The Dartmouth*, a bi-weekly, edited by members chosen from the Senior class.

Brother Rice also represents the Phis of '87 on the *Ægis*, an annual, published by the Junior class. One desirable man has been pledged and a member "spotted" from the incoming Freshman class. Our members are all enthusiastic, and the prospect for our future prosperity is certainly encouraging.

June 27, '85.

G. E. WHITEHILL.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

ANOTHER college year has dawned upon us and finds twenty of our original number in the ranks, full of Phi spirit and ready for active work.

'89 enters the largest class in the history of the college, and out of the number we selected eight of the choicest and initiated them into the mysteries of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on Friday evening, Sept. 25. Brothers Sawyer and Hayden, '83, Hoffnagle, '84, and Bigwood, '85, were present on the occasion.

We also had the pleasure of brother G. W. Shaw's company, from New Hampshire Alpha. He gave us a glowing account of the prosperity of our sister chapter, and made us all feel (what we have never doubted) that a good cause is bound to succeed, though it be in the farthest corner of the earth.

Our meetings will be enlivened hereafter by music furnished by our orchestra, consisting of nine pieces. We congratulate ourselves as entering upon one of the most profitable year's work in our chapter's history.

We are pained to announce the indefinite suspension of H. W. Bell.

September 29th, 1885.

F. H. CLAPP.

NEW YORK GAMMA, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE N. Y. *I* chapter begins this, the third year of its existence, under the most favorable auspices. Excepting the graduates, all our old members are again with us, and we hope soon to add to their number. At Commencement we lost three of our men, brothers Randolph, Devoe and Hicks. This loss we feel keenly, for they had endeared themselves to the chapter by their earnest work in its behalf. Brothers Randolph and Devoe, both charter members, will, however, continue to maintain an active personal

interest, as they will remain in New York, the former to enter Columbia Law School and the latter to teach in the public schools of this city. Brother Hicks will probably attend the Harvard School of Political Economy.

At Commencement this chapter maintained its past high standing, both in respect to the prizes taken and the offices held in the class and committees. Of the college honors awarded, those taken by fraternities were :

$A \Delta \Phi$, '85, 2 ; '86, 7 ; '87, 0 ; '88, 0 ; total, 9. $\Delta K E$, '85, 0 ; '86, 0 ; '87, 1 ; '88, 0 ; total, 1. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, '85, 2 ; '86, 0 ; '87, 2 ; '88, 1 ; total, 5. $\Theta \Delta X$, '85, 0 ; '86, 0 ; '87, 0 ; '88, 0 ; total, 0. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, '85, 3 ; '86, 1 ; '87, 1 ; '88, 0 ; total, 5.

It may be mentioned that of the nine prizes obtained by $A \Delta \Phi$, four were taken by one man. The prize speaking resulted in a victory for brother Randolph from among six competitors, themselves especially chosen to take part.

N. Y. I' has sent to the chapters of A , B , I' , Δ , and some of E and Z provinces a copy of the *Microcosm*, the annual published by the fraternities here, and if more are obtainable, this chapter hopes to send one to each of those remaining. As I' is desirous of obtaining a collection of college annuals, we would earnestly request sister chapters to exchange.

Our relations with other fraternity chapters are of the most agreeable nature. Both $A \Delta \Phi$ and $\Delta K E$ are in excellent condition, and the make up of the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ chapter would indicate a near awakening from the seemingly dormant condition of last year. There are rumors that $\Theta \Delta X$ is about to make large additions to its present number of one. Such an improvement would have the best wishes of chapters here.

To conclude, the future of the chapter is full of promise and encouragement, to which the warm support of the alumni will prove no small factor.

September 10, '85.

ALBERT SHIELS.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

With '85's Commencement Pennsylvania Alpha closed a very successful year, but at the same time we lose a number of men who have contributed largely to the success of our work and the strength of the chapter. From '85 we lose six men,—strong, earnest, working Phis. But our loss does not stop here. Brother Frey, '86, and brother Whaley, '88, leave Lafayette and take a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania. Our best wishes go out with these members, who have been so long and so intimately associated with us. Although a large vacancy will be made by those retiring, we have a strong membership left, and

feel confident that we will be able to fill up our ranks with men worthy of membership in our fraternity.

Of the four honorary orations given to the class of '85, two were awarded to Phis. Brother Seal received the Scientific Oration and brother Shaw the chief honor of his class—the Valedictory; brother Ludlow received second honor. Brother Jadwin takes a prize in Biblical studies, but in the Junior Oratorical Contest we fall below last year's record. The first prize was awarded to a *Δ K E*, the second to your reporter, and the third to a non-frat.

The annual banquet was held June 22, and was a grand success. Brother A. C. McCauley, '81, was master of ceremonies. Besides this genial ex-member of our chapter, we were glad to welcome brothers A. M. Lupfer, '80; T. B. Boughton, '81; C. H. Talmage, J. T. Baker, and J. W. Nute, all of '82, and G. G. Earl, '84. An elegant *menu*, good speeches, and the best of feelings made this an occasion long to be remembered.

July 10, '85.

W. H. CAREY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

WE began the year's work with twelve members. In the class of '85 there were three Phis, brothers C. A. Aikens, Charles Reinwald and E. E. Hoshour, and each one was graduated with credit to himself and the fraternity. They have left college walls, but we often see their familiar faces; all three are studying theology at the Lutheran Seminary located here.

Yet another loss: brother Frank A. Doll, of '87, has given up his college studies to enter business with his father at Frederick City, Md. We wish him success.

But, as has ever been Pennsylvania Beta's history, with all her losses she has had her gains. Brother John Hill, after a year's absence, has returned, and is now a member of the class of '88. *Φ Δ Θ* has been victorious over some of the other fraternities in the initiation of brothers F. D. J. Kaessmann, '87, of Baltimore, Md., and Arthur E. Linhart, '89, of Alleghany, Pa. These brothers are worthy bearers of the "Sword and Shield," and I take pleasure in introducing them to all Phis.

We now number fourteen. Our past history reads well, and our future prospects are very hopeful.

Oct. 5, '85.

T. L. CROUSE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

UNUSUAL dignity and eclat, springing mainly from a concurrence of ability and distinguished talents on the side of those who took part in the exercises, marked the eighty-fourth Commence-

ment of Washington and Jefferson, which began June 21st and closed on the 24th, as one of the most successful and brilliant graduations in the history of the institution. Among the many incidents of the closing week that give pleasure to the Phi heart, none will be recalled oftener and with more satisfaction than the visit of our distinguished brother, Hon. Byron K. Elliott, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, who was present on the invitation of the literary societies to deliver before them the annual oration.

In the afternoon of June 22 we tendered brother Elliott a reception in our hall. Indiana Phis who are personally acquainted with the Judge know just what his presence in the circle means, and are therefore prepared to appreciate the enthusiasm awakened in our breasts over our visitor. Judge Elliott's subject was: "THE GREAT AUTOCRAT." He showed that public opinion is the real ruler of the world, and has ruled since men first gathered into communities. Lack of space forbids us giving a comprehensive synopsis of the discourse, which was, in the opinion of the cultured and appreciative audience, one of the ablest and most masterly that has been delivered at this quarter for years. Brother Elliott was compelled to hurry back to his labors, but he left with us happy memories of his short stay that will endure for years.

In the class of '85 we lost four members—Donehoo, McElwaine, Noble, and Scandrett. On Class Day the poem was read by brother W. H. McElwaine; the History, by brother J. D. Donehoo, and brother R. B. Scandrett was class artist. Of all of these performances the dailies of Washington and Pittsburgh speak in flattering terms. At the reunion of the Philo and Union Literary Society, brothers Noble and Scandrett were among the few undergraduates who were called upon for speeches.

At the Commencement proper the Salutatory was pronounced by brother McElwaine, who was graduated *cum laude*. His subject was: "FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW." Brother Donehoo was given an honorary oration, the theme of which was: "THE PESSIMIST." Brother Scandrett secured a Commencement oration; subject: "THE NEXT STATUE." The Valedictory was delivered by brother Noble; subject: "PRACTICAL SENTIMENT." The first honor was awarded brother Noble, "*magna cum laude*;" the second to brother McElwaine, "*cum laude*."

The following is an enumeration of the prizes secured by the chapter: "Samuel Jones Classical Prizes"—First, \$100, to G. W. Fulton, '86. "Samuel Jones Natural Science Prizes"—Second, \$25, to F. C. Noble, '85. "Alex. Reed Mental Science Prize"—\$50, to R. B. Scandrett, '85. "English Literature Prize"—\$50, to J. De Q. Donehoo, '85. "German Prizes"—Only award, \$25, to W. T. Tredway, '86. The foregoing are all the

prizes offered at this college. Brother J. M. McComb, '77, Louisiana, Punjaub, India, was given the degree of A. M., and also brother Professor W. C. McClelland, '82. In addition to this honor, brother McClelland was chosen to fill the chair of English Language and Literature recently created. At the alumni dinner brother Scandrett delivered the Spoon Oration, to which brother Fulton, on behalf of the class of '86, was respondent. The vacation has rolled away rapidly. College resumed session September 16. On the 15th our brother of Ky. Alpha, Hon. A. E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster-General, made a hurried trip to this place for the purpose of placing in Washington and Jefferson his son, Lewis G. Stevenson, and then hastily returned to his desk at the Capitol. While here, the Phis in the place called upon the distinguished official. Sixteen members have returned. Our "chances" for the ensuing term are ordinarily good. We are ready for fresh honors.

Sept. 17, '85.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

At the close of the college year Pennsylvania Delta has reason to be congratulated upon the results of the year's work. We know that some of the alumni have been disappointed at not seeing more glowing reports in the SCROLL, but they should remember that words are not the only indications of work. At the beginning of the college year only seven members returned; we now number fourteen, the last initiate being Ernest R. Pond, of this city.

At the celebration of the sixth anniversary we received letters from quite a number of correspondent members.

A. J. Loomis is editing the *Headlight* at Deming, N. M.; D. W. Robinson is practising medicine at Pierre, Dakota; D. W. Thayer is a book publisher at Atlanta, Ga.; H. M. Hyde is in business at Clifton Springs, N. Y.; W. G. Warner is preaching in a suburb of Cincinnati, O.; J. W. Kahle is in the oil business at Venus, Pa.; J. A. Vance is studying law at East Liverpool, O.; E. S. Blair and E. H. Pond have been attending Medical College at Michigan University.

W. H. Gallup was the winner of the essay prize in the Philo-Franklin Society; this makes the sixth prize won by our present membership, more than has been taken by the present membership of all the other fraternities combined. We have received a liberal share of the positions on the college papers, and will be represented on the *Campus* by Wells and Lynch during the coming year.

The interest in the extension of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is by no means diminished, and we would be glad to see an Alpha Province conven-

tion, if it was not feared that the distance for the outlying chapters was too great. Possibly a system similar to the one followed by the National Convention might so divide the expense, that it would yet be practicable.

Our scheme for a permanent hall of our own seems nearer consummation than ever before ; it will either be accomplished or abandoned soon.

Our annual banquet will be held Wednesday, June 24, in our hall. We expect one of the most enjoyable times we have ever had.

Brothers Murray, Mason and Drake do not expect to return next year. Brother Murray may, however, return in the spring term. He remains out for the purpose of teaching.

We desire to express through the SCROLL the hope that the alumni correspondent members will keep us posted as to their whereabouts, and neither forget or neglect to write the annual letter to the chapter.

June 16, '85.

C. W. PROCTOR.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON, DICKINSON COLLEGE.

THE year just closed was a prosperous one for Pa. E; her numbers have increased, her resources have been developed, and fraternity spirit has been quickened. We have had our share of honor: brother Lindsay was valedictorian of the class of '85, brother Wilson led the class of '86, brother W. M. Stine the Latin Science section of same class, and brother Porter the Latin Science section of '87. Brother Clearer took the medal in Sophomore contest of the U. P. Society, and brother Heisse the silver medal in the Junior contest. The above record is a good one.

Since our last report we have initiated brother W. M. Stine, '86.

Brother Stephens, who has been absent a year, will return in September and graduate with '87.

We expect to return to college full of enthusiasm. Never were Pa. E's prospects more encouraging. She struggled hard for position, has secured it, and we mean that she shall hold it in the face of opposition.

July 23, '85.

W. T. GRAHAM.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

OUR session closed on the first of July. The Phis, as usual, came out well in the distribution of degrees, diplomas, and proficiencies. In the department of engineering, two out of three graduates were Phis—brothers Blakey and Guest. We had three

men in law, but only one was an applicant for the B.L., and he was unsuccessful, owing to illness both the night before and the day of the examination. The other two brothers, Fink and Ellis, were proficient in Constitutional and International Law. None of the above five will be with us next year, although we fully expected our two Western brothers would.

The Phis in the Academical School did just as well. Brother Moss was graduated in French, Natural and Moral Philosophy; Thornhill made several tickets in the Medical School; Petrie made Pure Mathematics, Physics, and Intermediate Greek; Patterson made General Chemistry, Early English, and Logic; Hardaway made Applied Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Mineralogy, and finished his drawings; Puryear made Natural Philosophy, Junior, and Intermediate Mathematics and some other tickets in the Engineering Department, besides getting off some of his drawings. Brother Valentine is now a graduate in the entire course of chemistry. I made General Chemistry, Anglo-Saxon, Modern English, History of Literature in the Latin School, and Intermediate Mathematics. No other fraternity here, taken as a whole, did as well as $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Brother Bohannon acted as assistant to Professor Venable in Pure Mathematics.

We harmonized exceedingly well together. The men were brotherly and companionable, and we only regret that so few of them will be back. Yet we have a bright prospect for next session, and will begin it with about twelve.

Sept. 8, '85.

JOHN D. FLETCHER.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

It gives me very great pleasure to report that our chapter is in a flourishing condition.

Since the opening of this session all of our members have returned except brothers Neal, Marshall and McKinnon, but we expect that brother McKinnon will be with us in a few days.

Thus far we have taken in only one new member, Mr. A. Stronach.

We are quite sorry to announce that we shall soon lose two of our most enthusiastic and talented brothers, Messrs. Hines and White, who will finish their course in law at this institution. Our chapter will sustain a great loss by the absence of these two members, who have been deeply concerned in the welfare and prosperity of our fraternity.

Sept. 28, '85.

A. M. SIMMONS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

GEORGIA ALPHA began the scholastic year with twelve members. Our initiates for the scholastic year are : J. W. Pate, O. S. Davis, B. F. Hawkins, N. B. Jones, and E. B. Cohen. W. A. Speer, formerly of Ga. B, affiliated with the chapter during the spring term. Brother J. D. Ashton returned to the University during the fall term. During this year we have lost brothers Ashton, Briggs, Clark, Davis and Pate.

Brother M. D. Wright served as anniversarian of the Demosthenian Society, and brother W. K. Stansell was elected a champion debater from the same society. W. B. Powers and W. A. Sheer were elected spring debaters from the Demosthenian Society, and J. D. Ashton was elected a spring debater from the Phi Kappa Society. M. T. Davis and W. A. Speer received Sophomore places. Our prospects for next year are good. We long to see $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ re-enter old Miami, her birth place.

June 20, '85.

W. A. SPEER.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

VARIOUS intervening circumstances have prevented me from writing before, but I am happy to state that I have good news to communicate. We will make the best record at Commencement that has ever been made by any fraternity at this college. We did that last year, but we have beaten our last year's record by several places. The following is a list of our speakers for Commencement : Sub-Freshman Class—J. E. Micler, W. B. Smith. Sophomore Class—H. T. Etheridge, J. P. McRee, W. H. Thomas, W. B. Watkins. Junior Class—W. W. Davis, J. C. Dean, W. B. Griffin, J. C. Speight, W. P. Thomas, R. W. Trimble. Senior Class—E. P. Allen, E. P. Burns, W. T. Hanson, J. Hollingsworth, E. C. Mobley, Jr. Honors Senior Class, four in all were given—1st, E. P. Allen ; 2d, J. Hollingsworth ; 3d, E. P. Burns. Champion Debaters—J. Hollingsworth and E. C. Mobley, Jr.

Speakers' places by classes, as compared with the other fraternities : Sub-F., $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 2 ; $X \Phi$, 1 ; $\Sigma A E$, 1 ; $K A$, 1 ; $\Delta T \Delta$, 0 ; $A \Theta \Omega$, 0. Sophomore : $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 4 ; $X \Phi$, 6 ; $\Sigma A E$, 1 ; $K A$, 1 ; $\Delta T \Delta$, 1 ; $A \Theta \Omega$, 2. Junior : $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 6 ; $X \Phi$, 1 ; $\Sigma A E$, 0 ; $K A$, 4 ; $\Delta T \Delta$, 0 ; $A \Theta \Omega$, 1. Senior : $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 5 and 3 honors ; $X \Phi$, 1 ; $\Sigma A E$, 1 ; $K A$, 2 ; $\Delta T \Delta$, 0 ; $A \Theta \Omega$, 2 and 1 honor. This will give an idea of how Phi Delta Theta stands at Emory. At Commencement, when the medals are read out for excellence in text-books and for the best essays, we are expecting to sweep the field. We think we will get 13 out of the 19 given.

Since our last report we have initiated several new members, three students, brothers Jules Ardis, Cal.; W. B. Smith, Cal.; and J. E. Lee, Fla.; and the crowning glory of our "spiking" was the initiation of Rev. M. Callaway, D.D., Vice-President of Emory College.

The following States are represented in our fraternity: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Texas, and California.

Number of members—class, '85, 5; '86, 7; '87, 6; '88, 5; '89, 3; total, 26.

Every member of the club is working, and we expect to make as good a record in obtaining medals to be given Commencement as we have already done in getting speakers' places and honors. We will have a banquet during Commencement and will do our best to entertain all visiting Phis.

May 28, '85.

E. C. MOBLEY, JR.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

It affords me much pleasure, as the reporter of Georgia Gamma, to announce our prospects for the ensuing year quite flattering. Last year was one of the most prosperous years Georgia Gamma ever had. We initiated fourteen men, there being only two other chapters initiating more. We kept up a Social Club the whole time, and at Commencement gave a complimentary banquet to the Phi young ladies of the city, which was pronounced by all in attendance one of the most elegant and enjoyable occasions of the kind ever held in Macon. The college paper was run exclusively by our fraternity, and we also took our share of honors. We won a fair number of speakers' places, and out of the six debaters' places we took three. In our societies we ran five candidates and not one of them were defeated. Sixteen of our old members have returned, and we hope to raise our standard still higher.

We have initiated four new men already: W. P. Long, of Leesburg, Ga.; William M. Ross, of Fort Valley, Ga.; W. R. Jennings, of Crawfordville, Ga.; and J. W. Overstreet, of Sylvania, Ga.

Brother A. S. Rhodes, who left us last Christmas to teach, is with us again.

Our class standing this year will be equal, if not superior, to any fraternity in college. No other fraternity will get any honors in the present Senior class.

Oct. 4, '85.

W. B. HARDMAN.

ALABAMA BETA, STATE COLLEGE OF ALABAMA.

HAVING spent a pleasant vacation we return to college with renewed energy and resolutions. College opened unusually well this year.

By graduation we lost three men—Collier, Penn and Thach—and others not returning this year, our number is rather small at present, but I think we will be able to add several new names to our roll in a short time. With the addition of one new man we now number seven.

We are discussing the library now, and if our alumni members will give us a little help we can have a first-class library in a little while.

The other fraternity chapters here are working hard, but we always have led, and will make an effort to sustain our reputation, about which we do not anticipate any trouble. The chapter is very much indebted to our Phi sisters for kindness to us all. I know no other chapter has such loyal sisters as we. It becomes our sad duty to report the death of our beloved brother, Walton T. Penn, of '85, who died at his home in Cusetta, Ala., on the 15th inst.

He was graduated from this college in June with high honors and he was always a true and noble Phi.

September 23, 1885.

L. W. SPRATLING.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

THE beginning of another year of study finds Texas Beta again at the head of fraternities in the university. The doors of the university had scarcely opened when a new knight swore allegiance to the Shield and Dagger. Our new member, Samuel Thompson Camp, although one of the youngest students of the university, has already distinguished himself as a fluent and ready debater, and when here last year excited considerable interest by his youth and eloquence.

Brother James B. Lewright, of Missouri Alpha, has affiliated with us and will lend his genial brightness to grace our meetings.

Brother Swain has added new laurels to our beloved fraternity. He won the highest grade in a competitive examination for a cadetship at West Point and received the appointment. He is now in Oxford, Md., preparing himself for his new duties.

Beta Theta Pi has established a chapter here and it is rumored that another fraternity will shortly establish one. The University of Texas bids fair to become soon one of the largest fraternity centres in the South. The competition for good men is very strong and all honorable means are resorted to to obtain them.

The Second Annual Convention of Texas Phis will be held here on the 14th and 15th of next month. We hope to make the occasion one which will prove long memorable in the annals of the fraternity. The name of brother Drew Pruitt at the head assures the success of the convention.

We enter upon the new year with high hopes, and although our chapter is still young, it is healthy and hardy, and promises continued development and strength.

September 28, 1885.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

IN the September number of the *Beta Theta Pi* the editor insinuates that the list of honors taken at Vanderbilt last year and published in the June SCROLL was compiled to show the precedence of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ over its rivals in greater contrast than was deserved. The editor may be ignorant of the fact, but that list of honors includes ALL the honors conferred on fraternity men at Vanderbilt last year. It clearly shows that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ got as many honors of *every* kind as any other fraternity; and in the aggregate many more than any two others received. The editor also sees grammatical mistakes where he should see only typographical errors. Besides, in speaking of the question of taste, it would have been well for him to have noticed that the reply to the Beta, who had boasted through the city papers of how his fraternity came out ahead, was not through a city paper, but through the proper channel—the fraternity journal.

Sept. 26, '85.

PHI.

TENNESSEE BETA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

SINCE the last report from our mountain chapter, isolated as it were from the outer world, but none the less active, it is our pleasant duty to introduce to the Phi world brothers B. Jamison and H. R. Bohn from New Orleans, La. Brother J. R. Pearson, Orange Grove, Fla., and Prof. G. White, an M.A., graduate of Harvard, and Professor of English Language and Literature, at the University.

Brother E. U. Western has left our friendly circle to complete his law course at Lebanon.

Brothers V. L. Terrell, E. L. Wells and C. B. Zeilin also left at the closing of last term. We regret exceedingly their departure, but wishing that success may crown their future endeavors, we can only bid them a fond farewell, nothing daunted at the thinning of our ranks, which we hope to close again in no far future. Tenn. *B* is gaining at last as sure a foothold in the University as one or two of our contemporaries held unmolested until two years ago.

We were favored by a visit from brother Palmer a few days since. He was well pleased with our progress and chapter house, which is a marvel of beauty.

We extend our congratulations to all and every one of our sister chapters.

Sept. 6, '85.

D. B. SMITH.

TENNESSEE BETA sends greeting to all the Phis with best wishes for success.

Last week brother J. R. Pearson gave an elegant entertainment at his grandfather's residence, and the Phis were well represented. This term we have increased the number of our literary exercises, all of which are fulfilled with the highest merit, as has always been the custom of the Phis. It would be hard, indeed, to find a finer set of men, whose interests are so harmoniously blended, as now compose our chapter.

The excitement of "spiking" new students is now at an end, so all that remains for us to do is to rest on our laurels and wait for a new field of work.

We have sent for the photographs and autographs of the founders of the fraternity, and hope soon to see them adorning the walls of our chapter house. Brother S. G. Jones has left for his home at Montgomery, Ala., where he will prepare for West Point; but we hope to have him with us next term before he finally leaves for the academy, and we feel sure that he will do honor to the White and the Blue.

Oct. 5, '85.

H. R. BOHN.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO BETA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

VACATION has come and gone, and we are once more standing in the arena ready for combat. Time has wrought some changes in our chapter during the few months which have elapsed since last we met. Brothers A. B. Murphy and J. W. Benschoten took passage on the bark of '85; brother Murphy is now a candidate for the Ohio Legislature; brothers McCready, Clark, Lauck and O'Kane did not return to college; brother T. B. Miller affiliated from Indiana Delta, Butler University.

We are at the present time seven in number, with a bright prospect before us of adding to our number several, of whom we shall have just reason to be proud.

We were honored by a visit from brothers J. E. Brown, who was on his way to Ann Arbor, and James F. Steele, both of '84, who gave us words of encouragement which stimulated us to redouble our diligence for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. On next Sunday we intend to wear the blue and white as a token of our feelings in being permitted to welcome back home again our mother chapter, Ohio

Alpha, having been reinstated with the good beginning of seven men.

During the summer, at considerable expense, we remodeled one of our rooms. Encouraged by the successes of the past, and seeing that the present is pregnant with victory, we shall endeavor to make the future witness even greater achievements by our chapter than the past has seen.

October 1, 1885.

W. F. MAIR.

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

VACATION is past, and twelve enthusiastic Phis, reunited, have resolved to hold the standard of Ohio Delta well in the fore-front of the college ranks. We greet our brothers everywhere, trusting that from Maine to Texas our lines remain unbroken, and invoke good cheer and fair fortune upon you all.

The University is apparently entering a very prosperous year with many new students, seemingly of good material. The fraternities are all in good condition and already engaged in friendly rivalry to secure new men. Ohio Delta will not be long in forwarding some names to add to the list of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

The personals of our last year's membership, now absent, will be found elsewhere. There is in preparation now a new hall to be the future headquarters of Ohio Delta. It is undoubtedly the finest hall in the city, and when we get into it, about the 1st of November, we want all Phis who can to come and see us; meanwhile we would be glad to welcome them in our old hall.

Sept. 18, '85.

T. S. ANDERSON.

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have initiated Fred. S. Ball, '88, of Portsmouth, O.

On May 7th, the Inter-State Oratorical Contest was held in this city (Columbus) at Comstock Opera House. Phis and delegates began to arrive on the day before the contest and continued doing so almost to the hour of contest. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was more largely represented than any other fraternity. The following chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ were represented: Ills. Δ , one; Ind. Γ , one; Ohio B , ten; Ohio Γ , four; Ohio Δ , fourteen; Ohio E , six. These, with the ten Phis of this chapter, made quite an assemblage. On the eve of the contest "we" occupied in the Opera House nearly a whole section of the dress circle, and loud and long were our applauses in appreciation of brother A. G. Greenlee's oration. After the contest about thirty loyal Phis partook of a hastily prepared banquet at the American House. It is needless to say

that full justice was done to the supper and that each one of us spent an enjoyable evening.

The Fraternity Annual of this college will appear some time this week, and we would like to exchange Annuals with our chapters at other colleges.

College closes June 24th and reopens Sept. 17th.

June 15, 1885.

A. C. REEVES.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

OUR chapter rejoices in the possession of a new brother, Mr. T. D. Sparks, who comes to us from the Kentucky Military Institute.

We deeply feel the loss of brother F. M. Wilson, who goes to the law department of the University of Michigan.

At the last Commencement $\Phi A \Theta$ came off with her usual full share of honors.

Brother W. L. Sumrall covered himself with glory by taking both the Henry Barret Boyle Prize—a very fine gold watch—and the Sophomore English Prize. Brothers Murray Hubbard, G. E. Wiseman, E. D. Martin, W. L. Sumrall, E. B. Nelson, C. D. Grubbs, F. M. Wilson, F. N. Lee, and your reporter were all honorably mentioned on Commencement Day. In last year's graduating class we mourn the loss of three Phis. They stood among the first of a class renowned as being the best in twenty years. We bid them God-speed and urge them to keep bright the fair record of the class of '85.

September 8, 1885.

R. S. DAWSON.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have initiated Henry Ashley Nichols, '89, Wolcottville, Ind., thus making our number at Commencement fifteen. During the year we have enrolled twenty members. Brother Jarrett was called home by sickness during the first term, soon after his initiation. Brother Orchard has completed a course in a commercial school since January 1st. Brothers DuBois, Marsh and Burson have been out of college the last term. We confidently expect, at least, a part of the above to return with us next year. Of those who have formed the chapter during the last term, all expect to return except E. E. Griffith, who was graduated June 10th, receiving the degree A.B., and S. Foster, who will probably go to El Paso, Texas.

Both brothers will be greatly missed. Both were initiated in September, 1881. Brother Griffith has been with the chapter

continuously since then. Brother Foster has taken a vacation of one year in the meantime. Brother Griffith has secured an excellent position in the Indianapolis High School as Professor of Literature for the coming year, but intends to study law. We wish both unmeasured success, which their ability and perseverance will doubtless secure to them.

During the year the members of the chapter have held a reasonable proportion of the positions of honor. There are no honors in the Senior class, and those in the other classes are the class exhibitions, which occur as follows: Junior in the first term; Sophomore in the second term; and Freshman in the third term. Nine best essays are chosen by the faculty from those written by the class and these are read or spoken in public. On Junior exhibition we were represented by brother Alvin Heiney, on Freshman by brother Foster and Shiels. There was no Sophomore exhibition.

Brother Griffith was "Tramp" on class day, June 9th, was an editor-in-chief of the *Indiana Student*, and took a prize on College Temperance Contest.

Brother Foster was, during the year, Philo Contest Declaimer, Philo Spring Speaker, and on Freshman exhibition. Brother Beldon was a Spring Speaker from "Athenian." The reporter read an essay on Scientific Exhibition, June 4th. Brother Fisher was recently elected president of class '88; this position is permanent. Brother Burson also was president of his class. Brother Alvin Heiney was valedictorian of Philo, June 5.

The general summary of our honors for the year is something as follows, with possibly a few minor positions: Two class presidents, one class treasurer, one editor *Indiana Student*, two spring speakers, two contest declaimers, best grade in Freshman class; one on Junior exhibition, two on Freshman exhibition, treasurer of Philomathean Society, one essayist on Scientific exhibition, two representatives on Temperance Contest—one prize, valedictory of Philo, and one representative on class day.

Some of those who left college last year will return next fall or in '86.

The prospects of the University under the new administration and president are most encouraging. The faculty now numbers 22, against 15 as heretofore. The indications are that the Freshman class of '85-'86 will be large. The chapter is harmonious and alive to the importance of a vigorous campaign, with careful selection of those who shall wear the Sword and Shield. Our prospects are decidedly good.

The University catalogue shows: ΣX , 23 enrolled; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 21; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 20; $\Phi K \Psi$, 19; $B \Theta \Pi$, 11; $K A \Theta$, 28; and $K K \Gamma$, 13. None of these have better prospects for next year than $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

June 21, '85.

ROBERT NEWLAND.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

THE Commencement this year has been of unusual interest in many respects. The different exercises were well arranged and full of interest. In the "Ivy Planting" exercises, which were conducted by the Junior class, brother C. F. Coyle took a prominent part. Brothers Stockbarger and Sharpe were also in the class quartette. In the "Class-day" exercises of '85 brother Dukes was prophet and brother Scofield poet. Brother Scofield's poem was the most popular part of the exercises, being received with enthusiastic applause. Our prize record for the third term is as follows: C. M. McDaniel, '85, second prize on Baldwin Oratorical Contest. He was awarded first place in composition.

C. F. Coyle, '86, second prize on Junior Essay.

S. C. Spencer, '89, third prize in Declamation.

O. S. Hoffman, '89, first prize on entrance examination to Freshman class.

S. C. Spencer second prize on entrance examination to Freshman class.

Brother Little, '90, who was one of the contestants for the Preparatory prize in declamation, was called home to Texas by the illness of his mother, and was thus prevented from speaking. We are confident that he would have taken the first prize. In the report to the March SCROLL, which was unavoidably not published, we were under the necessity of reporting the expulsion of J. W. Kieff, '87, for persistent violation of the "Bond."

We think that this has had a good effect on the chapter. We are sorry to report that brother Stockbarger will not return to college next year. He will be missed very much.

June 10, '85.

A. R. MILES.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

COMMENCEMENT week at Butler passed off quite successfully. There are but few prizes and no class honors awarded here, and the exercises of the week are one continuous literary exhibition. In these, Indiana Gamma led the van. In the society exhibitions brother Todd distanced all rivals in his splendid oration on "The God-Idea." Brothers Fall and Kerlin, as orator and essayist respectively, did themselves great credit. On Commencement Day, brother J. A. Kautz, the prize orator of the college, fairly outdid himself in his "Socialism *vs.* Individualism." All the papers which contained accounts of the exercises praised him in the highest terms. Brother O. M. Pruitt had a finely-written, timely oration on "Moral Politics." These two were our only graduates, but were our strongest men. Every one ad-

mitted that they eclipsed the efforts of ΣX 's men in fine style. $\Delta T \Delta$ had no graduates this year.

The college year which has just closed has been an unusually busy and prosperous one for Butler and Indiana Gamma. We have, as heretofore, more than held our own against ΣX and $\Delta T \Delta$.

Brother J. A. Kautz won first prize at the college contest in March. Brother O. M. Pruitt was the delegate from Indiana to the Inter-State Oratorical Association. Brother W. W. Buchanan is president of the class of '88. We also have secretary, treasurer, and an orator in that class. Brother Baldridge is captain and pitcher of the college nine.

At the election of a new board of directors, on June 19th, five of the fifteen members chosen were Phis: Rev. J. C. Miller, Ind. *A*, '55; Hon. J. C. Robinson, Ind. *A*, '61; Jno. S. Duncan, Ind. *I*, '65; Hilton U. Brown, Ind. *I*, '80; Martin A. Morrison, Ind. *I*, '83. Brother T. M. Iden, '83, was re-elected secretary of the institution and treasurer of the faculty, at an increased salary.

Brothers Kerlin, Baldridge, Buchanan and Eliason will not, for various reasons, be with us in the fall. Brother Gilcrest, however, who was out during the spring term, will be with us again. Though we shall miss the absent ones sadly, we hope to begin our work in September with all of Gamma's energy and enthusiasm, and trust we shall meet with corresponding success.

August 17, 1885.

H. T. MILLER.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

COLLEGE examinations are over and Commencement was held on June 11. On last Saturday night, contrary to usual custom, we had a stag banquet. A number of the alumni of the city made this an occasion for a reunion, and a jolly reunion it was.

The past year has been of more than usual prosperity to us. We have initiated five men, now numbering fourteen; have moved into a new hall, which we have elegantly furnished. Our meetings have been such as have made lasting impressions.

Brother R. A. Brown, '84, has been elected principal of the high school of Franklin.

June 19, 1885.

W. A. HALTEMAN.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

HANOVER Commencement is to be on Thursday, June 18th. The graduating class numbers eighteen, of whom five are $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, four are $\Delta T \Delta$, two are ΣX , two are $\Phi I' \Delta$, one is $B \Theta II$, and one is $K A \Theta$. The other three are non-fraternity. By the loss of our five Seniors our number will be reduced to twelve.

Brother Frank D. Swope stands third in his class and so gets one of the honors. Hanover now gives three scholarship honors. Brother Swope also carried off the palm as an athlete at the recent Hanover College "Field Day." He won four first places, also four second places in a contest of twelve athletic exercises. We have a bright outlook for next year. Of the six of us who are to be Seniors, three are elected for positions on the *Hanover Monthly* for next year. Brother W. T. Morrison will be editor-in-chief. Brothers C. H. McCaslin and J. W. LaGrange are to be co-ordinate editors. The staff of the paper consists of nine members.

Our last meeting this year will be on the 16th of June. The close of the proceedings will be a farewell address to our brothers of '85 by brother W. M. Amsden, of '86.

Of the addresses to be delivered here in connection with Commencement, two will be given by representatives of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Brother D. B. Banta, of '74, will deliver the Alumni address at the reunion of the Philalathean Society. Brother J. B. Swing, of '76, will deliver the diplomas of the Union Literary Society to the graduates.

Brother Banta is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lebanon, Ind. Brother Swing is Judge of the Probate Court of Clermont county, Ohio.

On Saturday, June 13th, was held the Pan-Hellenic Banquet. From 9 P.M. to 4 A.M. fifty couples made the hours merry. The banquet began at half-past nine and was continued past the midnight hour. The following was the list of toasts: *MAGISTER EPULARUM*, Rev. J. H. Barnard, $\Delta K E$. *ALUMNI TOASTS*—The Objects of Fraternities, Rev. W. R. Brown, D.D., $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Greeks at the Bar, W. L. Fisher, A. B., ΣX ; College Days, Miss Lillian Thompson, $\Delta \Gamma$; Greeks in the Pulpit, F. C. Holliday, D. D., $\Delta T \Delta$; The Greek—Under and Post Graduate, M. C. Garber, Esq., $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; The Province of Ladies' Fraternities, Mrs. Jennie Shaw, $K A \Theta$; The Conservatism of the Old Greeks, Rev. A. C. Junkin, $B \Theta II$; The Board of Trustees, Hon. J. Y. Allison. *UNDERGRADUATE TOASTS*.—College Politics, D. C. Blythe, $B \Theta II$; "Spiking," T. J. Giboney, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; Our Brother Greeks, Miss Annie L. Adams, $K A \Theta$; Pan-Hellenism, W. C. Covert, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; The Madison Ladies, Chas. Alling, ΣX ; The Fraternity Idea, J. H. Hamilton, $\Delta T \Delta$; College Song—a medley. At 12.15 A. M. the banquet and toasts had all been well served, and then

"Through every pulse the music stole,
And held sublime communion with the soul."

This Pan-Hellenic banquet marks a new era in the social life of Hanover College fraternities, and this first attempt brings such

brilliant success that we may wish for many more in future years. The pleasures of the occasion were such that all departed from the scene resolved to perpetuate Pan-Hellenic banquets.

Phi Delta Theta was represented at the banquet by eleven members and their ladies.

B Θ Π at this place are the only ones to hold chapter banquets and invite ladies. Other fraternities will have "stag" reunions.

Brother C. H. McCastin is our reporter-elect for next year.

On the eve of June 11th brother H. M. Swope, '89, was initiated.

June 15, 1885.

J. V. LaGRANGE.

INDIANA ZETA, DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

THE last days of the year were quiet and enjoyable. Good work has been accomplished. But not all was sunshine. The smooth waters of Indiana Zeta were troubled. She was compelled to expel Mr. W. S. Brown and Mr. Freeman Miller, both of '86, our only Juniors.

June 19th was the occasion of our banquet. A warmer and heartier reception was never tendered, than at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Zeller, Knightsville, Ind., a small town fifteen miles from here. Mr. Zeller is not a Phi, and his son is a Beta. But, whether his very amiable daughter—Miss Minnie—is, we will let you answer.

The early part of the evening was spent in rambling over the large lawns. A few minutes before nine, thirty-two couples entered the dining-room, where the most critical epicure was silenced. After doing justice to the *menu* amid a constant flow of brilliant repartee, we returned to the parlors and listened to the following toasts:

Master of Ceremonies—J. M. Goodwin. Our Host and Hostess, C. H. McAnny; The Shield and Dagger, Byron K. Elliott, LL.D.; Phi Delta Theta, H. W. Bever; "Odessa," Our William Goat, C. O. Thomas; Indiana Zeta, J. B. Bridges; Our Girls, J. U. Brown; "Ye Olden Days," C. O. Perry, '69; Our Seniors, W. J. Snyder; Our Undergraduates, W. E. Mitchell.

Wit, humor and fraternal love overflowing was characteristic of each.

The remainder of the evening floated away pleasantly with smiles and laughter, while a few courted Terpsichore. Thus ended "the most successful and complete banquet of the college year."

Among the five speakers chosen by the faculty for Commencement, were brothers Goodwin and McAnny. These, with brother Mitchell, gave us three out of the twelve that spoke.

With the loss of eight Seniors and the two Juniors expelled,

we will have for a start : six Juniors, two Sophomores, three Freshmen, and two Senior Preps.

J. M. Goodwin is practising law at Bowling Green, Ky., and is succeeding admirably.

Brother Jordan will practise law at Indianapolis ; brother Mitchell will return and take law ; brother McAnny is preaching at Princeton, N. J. ; brothers Thomas and Christie will teach.

August 12, 1885.

W. J. SNYDER.

MICHIGAN BETA, MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Our college year has just opened. Ten loyal Phis gathered around our altar at our first meeting, eager for the work of another year.

We lost five members by graduation.

Brother Case, '87, has returned and will finish with '88. Phi evening was observed by us on August 17, and our chapter hall was filled with ladies and alumni. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The present Freshman class is a very large, and on the whole a fine one, and I hope in my next report to send the names of some new Phis.

September 9, 1885.

NELSON MAYO.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

ANOTHER college year has passed, and as we look over our year's work, we can but say "well done."

At the beginning of the fall term, only eight men answered to the roll call. But those eight Phis were as loyal and energetic as men could possibly be.

Although few in numbers, we had some grand meetings in the rooms of one of our brothers. Our meeting place was a mystery to everybody, and there was much loose speculation as to the Phis habitation. But the Phis were not inactive during this time, they were laying plans for the future, which in the end were eminently successful. During that term we initiated four men, the best in college, two of whom had been vigorously "rushed" by our rivals the spring before. A banquet in their honor would be given, if they would only "go in with them." But they preferred to "unite with Phi Delta Theta." Our initiates became just as loyal as we, and more so, if that were possible. A chapter home was talked of, and after much investigation (in which considerable time was consumed), we finally closed a contract for a hall in J. H. Marvin's magnificent brick block. The hall was in the "rough." According to agreement, the hall was partitioned, plastered, painted and "fixed" to satisfy us, and we took possession about January 1st, 1885. It is now acknowl-

edged by fraternity men and all to be the finest chapter hall in the city. We pressed on and became so enthusiastic that even the word Phi in our Greek became a synonym for inspiration and energy, and to give and receive the Phi "grip" was all the world to us.

We dedicated our new sanctum with the initiation of all of our "pledged men," five in number. That was a meeting that never will be forgotten by those who participated in it.

We were very much grieved because three of our brothers were called from college duties, but we had, nevertheless, a membership of twelve men during the winter and spring terms, and two pledged men, whom we initiated about Commencement time. We do not have as large a chapter as our rivals, but what we do have are the best that the institution affords.

At the anniversaries of the literary societies of Hillsdale College, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was conspicuous, as she had more speakers than any other chapter here, notwithstanding we are smaller in numbers.

In the Alpha Kappa Phi Society, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has three men, and two were chosen for the anniversary programme. In the Amphiptyon Society, one-half of the anniversary programme were Phis. In the Theadelphic Society, no fraternity was represented, as that society only enrolls one fraternity man, a $\Delta T \Delta$.

They passed an amendment to their constitution, that no member of their society shall join a fraternity, so that gives the fraternity men that are now members their membership, but they are working out of that society very quickly. The amendment was passed out of "chagrin."

Last Commencement we had quite a pleasant little reunion, as brothers H. F. Schunck, L. T. Gould, N. C. Richards, John H. McGill, W. E. Allen and Geo. V. Deal (all but brothers Deal and McGill charter members), spent a few days with us and expressed themselves as very much pleased with our hall and chapter. It encouraged us very much.

Although we lose three men who will not return in September, brothers Herron, Taylor, and your reporter, yet the chapter will be opened with twelve members. Brothers Herron and Taylor took degrees. Your reporter hopes to return and complete his course one year from this fall. And now, when my duties as reporter for Michigan Gamma cease, I can prophesy a bright future for Michigan Gamma and for the fraternity in general. If any Phi wishes to see a lively chapter of his fraternity, let him drop in at Hillsdale College. We assure you all a hearty welcome.

August 8, 1885.

JAS. E. DAVIDSON.

MICHIGAN GAMMA commences the year with brighter prospects than ever before. Thirteen "jolly Phis" gathered in the chapter rooms the first meeting. We lost two most excellent men by

graduation last year, brothers Herron and Taylor. We also miss from our circle brothers Richardson, Lyons, Duguid and Davidson.

It gave us great pleasure to grasp the hands of brothers Lanford, Garlough and Harris, whom we had not expected to return this year.

Brother Moore, Illinois Delta, is with us. We find him a very congenial brother, and wish that other chapters would send us men of the same kind.

I now wish to introduce to the Phi world our new brothers, M. W. Fisher and C. G. Corey. They are not new men in the college, although neither was present last year. They are men who will do honor to the fraternity at large as well as to their own chapter.

We expect to initiate two more in the near future.

We are at work furnishing our hall, and will soon have it in a fine condition.

We have enthusiastic workers and a larger membership than any other fraternity in college.

September 21, 1885.

W. O. ROBINSON.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE fall term finds Epsilon Chapter in a most flourishing condition. We start out with fifteen attendant members, all very enthusiastic for the success of Phi Delta Theta. No new members have as yet been initiated.

Brother Emmet Higbee, of '83, was with us last week. He is the same enthusiastic Phi. We also have with us this week brother J. F. Wright, of '85. Brother A. J. Barr, of '85, has formed a partnership with J. F. Pollock and is practicing law in this city. We are glad to have with us this year again brothers A. W. Vanneman and R. Criswell, who were absent from college last year.

There is one feature connected with the close of the collegiate year last June which we consider of more than ordinary interest. I refer to the annual banquet and reunion held by us each year during Commencement week. About thirty couples were present and a royal time was had. It was a grand affair. We feel free to say this, as it was pronounced by the city press and those who were present as one of the most successful gatherings of this kind held in the city.

Sept. 30, '85.

W. L. MILLER.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

SAD was our last meeting. Although we were all very much pleased to send out two such brothers as Carney and McCarl, yet we feel as though we needed their assistance always. The parting address to the graduates was delivered by brother Fairchild. He spoke very feelingly upon the work they had accomplished for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Both responded in very tender and fitting words, urging those who remained on to do more and greater work for our chapter. Nearly all the members responded when called upon, and every one expected to return in the fall "and bring some good Phi timber" with him.

On the morning of Commencement day we held a short call meeting; there were eight old members present. At this meeting we affiliated Rev. Amos Crum, Pastor of the First Universalist Church, of Dubuque, Iowa. We are, indeed, pleased to introduce him to our brothers. He is a great worker in society and one of the foremost ministers in this section. He was an enthusiastic Phi Sigma. With all his other work he has not outdone his zeal for the Phis. He will make a valuable addition to our Fraternity.

This year has been one of the most prosperous ever in the history of the chapter. We have carpeted our hall, started a library; we have been greatly aided by gifts; the President's and Secretary's desks, elegant window curtains, mantel lambrequins, &c. We have also held two banquets. Many of our chapter have held the highest office in the college. We have taken in eight members, and we close the year with much to encourage us, and we are resolved to do better the coming year.

The Reporter for the coming year is brother L. Ward Brigham.
July 5, 1885.

JNO. R. CARPENTER.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

ONCE more has Missouri Alpha crossed the threshold of a new year in her existence and entered upon her duties with a somewhat diminished number, but eight men responding to the roll call at our first meeting. We are, however, hopeful of a better state of affairs in the near future, and have already begun our canvass among the new students.

We have, as we believe, a splendid opportunity for winning honors during the ensuing scholastic year; we are proud to say that of the unusually small graduating class of '86, which numbers but nine men, that four wear the much-loved sword-shield.

There are four medals and one honor in the senior class; three medals, two prizes and one honor in the junior class, and we confidently expect to carry off our full share.

Our alumni of '85 are located as follows: Brother Roberts is principal of the Public Schools of East Joplin; brother Means is teaching at Stewartville; brother Smith teaches at Hickman Mills, and brother Johnson is in a bank at Lebanon.

Our undergraduate members, who do not return, are: Brothers J. O. Sewright and M. Fink, who will attend Missouri Medical College in St. Louis; brother J. B. Sewright, who attends Texas State University, and whom we cordially commend to Phis there; brother F. N. Peters, who will teach at Shelbyville until the second semester, when he will return; brothers W. P. King and W. W. Mitchell, who are both pursuing the study of law at their respective homes, brother King being at Sedalia and brother Mitchell at Shelbyville; and brother W. F. Knox is still in the East.

Brother Spillman, who was not with us last year, has returned, and Missouri A rejoices at once more being able to grasp him by the hand.

Brother Weed, who was compelled to retire from college at the close of the first semester of last year, has returned.

Brother Wright is studying medicine and completing his academic course *in lo tempore*; brother Jaeger is, in a like manner, finishing engineering in connection with his course in science.

Brother J. S. Snoddy, class of '83, is spoken of very favorably as Assistant Librarian of the University, but until he receives his call, he lives secure in his "Tusculum" at Armstrong.

Our hall of meeting is the same in which we "held forth" last year, we having rented it from the Knights of Pythias.

We wish all sister chapters a happy and prosperous year.

September 16, 1885.

HENRY W. CLARK.

I HAVE the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world the following initiates: R. W. Dooley (Law), class '87; J. B. Lewright, class '86; J. O. Lewright, class '86.

Brothers J. B. and J. O. Lewright were initiated late in the year of '85, and brother Wright did not report their initiation, as they were initiated after his report. Brother J. B. Lewright attends Texas State University at Austin, and we heartily commend him to the Phis of that place. Brother J. O. Lewright is attending Missouri Medical College in St. Louis. We are sorry to lose these brothers.

Oct. 2, '85.

H. W. CLARK.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

In obedience to the decision of Kansas Alpha, I assume the pleasant duty of reporter. We begin this year with 14 zealous *Φs*. Brother Cook, '85, is principal of the Solomon City schools; brother Caldwell is business manager of the Lawrence *Journal*,

and brother O'Brien will be engaged in teaching during the year. Brother Chace, having been detained from college for the past two years, has returned and entered the Junior law class.

On last Saturday night we initiated William Snyder, in whom we have a noble brother. We enjoyed a visit from brother J. J. Wilson, of Kentucky Alpha, at the beginning of the term. At our first chapter meeting, in response to a short address of welcome, brother Wilson delivered a stirring speech on "Fraternity Spirit," which had the true ring of feeling. This year opens with the most flattering prospects for our chapter, which no longer struggles for existence, but now stands upright in the number and strength of its individual members, and although we are somewhat isolated from the Phi world at large by our western location, we love our fraternity both at home and abroad, and are keeping the fires of devotion constantly burning.

September 28, 1885.

B. P. BLAIR.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

OUR college year has ended, and, taken as a whole, a very pleasant year it has been. Though during the year the storm of anti-fraternity opposition forced the fraternities to take refuge under the shelter of a new society, yet the success of our venture has been so complete that we are really thankful that we had the chance to leave the barbarian societies.

The Philo exhibition of this Commencement was pronounced the finest ever delivered by the literary societies of the University. Four of the five who were graduated from the academic department yesterday were Philos.

We shall probably have a hall next year. If so, we already have enough pledged to easily furnish it in the finest style.

We are proud of our literary society. But in glorying over her victories we do not forget our fraternity. During the year we have added but two initiates to our ranks; still, as all the charter members were with us, we had a fine chapter of ten men.

There are so few honors to be taken at the N. S. U. that we can announce but few victories of that class. Still, to the honors of studying well, of writing and speaking well, of acting well the part of loyal brothers, to such honors each individual of our chapter can justly lay claim. We do not possess an "absent member." In other matters, brothers Frankforter and McMillan represented Phidom in the June class of the Philodectian. Brother McMillan and ye Reporter were of the graduating orators. Brother McMillan's oration received the highest encomiums on the part of the press of the city. Brother Force's company failed to carry off the banner as the best drilled company, owing to inattention on the part of one or two of his men. But his picked squad of gunners

easily won the guidon offered as the prize in the artillery contest. The judges complimented brother Force very highly on his ability as an officer.

On our college paper, brother McMillan is at present managing editor, a position held by ye Reporter during the first semester.

Our boys are an industrious set. To spend the summer vacation in a profitable manner, brother McMillan has obtained the position of Custodian of the Museum of the University; brother Force will probably act as line man on an extension of the B. & M. into Kansas; brothers Gates and Fulmer have obtained positions on the Census Bureau; brother Canaday is local on the *Democrat* of this city; brother Frankforter is book-keeper in a large elevator, and brother Coddling will assist his father in civil engineering.

Our prospects for next year are good. We have pledged two good men, and hope to have a chapter of fifteen before the close of the year.

Nebraska A is greatly pleased to know of the existence of Kansas (?) (Missouri) Alpha alumni. This is a necessary line of extension. Thus only can our fraternity be what it should be, not only a brotherhood of college students, but beyond this, a working organization of cultured men of business throughout the Union. If each Phi does his best, the day is not far distant when each city shall boast of an active and flourishing lodge of Phi Delta Theta.

June 11, 1885.

E. J. CHURCHILL.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA Alpha has been dealing with success this year. The University will be improved by the erection of a fine mechanical hall. Our Commencement exercises were unusually interesting this year. Cyrus Northrop, our new President, was inaugurated. The University's future is bright. Brothers Gray and Abbot go out with the graduating class. Abbot will make his mark at law; Gray will find fame in journalism. Gray performed the office of Valedictorian in a masterly way, and was again highly honored by being the choice of the University for the office of delivering the student's welcome to the new President. The students part with him reluctantly. Brother Hoage, of '84, has accepted the position as instructor in surveying and civil engineering in this University; he fills the place of a graduate of the Boston School of Technology, whose work was unsatisfactory. We occasionally receive a visit from brother Irwin, of Wooster University, Ohio. We wish he would stay with us. We go into better rooms next year. Our number will be eleven.

July 6, 1885.

WILLIAM DONAHOWER.

In Memoriam.

HALL OF ALABAMA BETA, CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA.

At a meeting of this Chapter, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, the unsparing hand of Death has taken from us Walton T. Penn, a beloved brother, a courteous gentleman, and a generous comrade, the Almighty has called him away from the scene of his earthly trials to reward him for the deeds which have marked him so conspicuously among his fellow-men for purity of life and honorable bearing. Be it

Resolved, That we truly lament his loss ; that with sorrowing hearts we realize that his voice is hushed to us forever, his genial face hidden from us forevermore. That while with patience we bow to the decree of an all-wise Providence, we sadly record with an unworthy pen the qualities which have endeared him to us, and the deeds which have made him prominent in our fraternity.

Resolved, That we beg to offer our heartfelt condolence to his afflicted family in the hour of their bereavement, and express the sympathy we feel for them in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his bereaved family, and that they be published in the *Opelika Times* and the SCROLL OF PHI DELTA THETA.

A. J. ALEXANDER, .

C. L. NEWMAN,

Committee.

REORGANIZATION OF OHIO ALPHA.

WE are enabled to publish the following just before going to press :

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the fraternity that Ohio Alpha will again appear upon our chapter roll as an active chapter.

We can congratulate ourselves upon having been first upon the field and first to succeed among the fraternities, whose birth-place was Miami, in bringing again into life our parent chapter.

Ohio Alpha was re-established on the night of October 3d, in the presence of and by the aid of eleven loyal Phis, who left their labors behind for a few hours to enjoy a few moments, as it seemed, of college pleasures.

Eight solid men, seven of them new, one—brother Morris, an old Phi—now support the white and blue banners at Miami. Their names, as written on the charter, are: W. E. Morris, Liberty, Ind.; W. H. Foster, Morning Sun, O.; Saml. W. Townsend, W. J. Rusk, Geo. F. Garrod, Jas. R. Mayo, and W. E. Clough, Oxford, O.; Jas. C. Mount, Connersville, Ind.

Of these, one is a Sophomore, one a preparatory student, and the remaining six Freshmen.

To the earnest efforts of brother W. E. O'Kane is due the success which Phi Delta Theta has achieved.

I trust that brother Morris will find a reward for his labors in the fraternal associations of his brothers.

To the presence also of brothers Scott Bonham, George W. Ozias, E. H. Baker, young attorneys of Cincinnati; W. H. Holland, P. W. Wilson, Dr. W. H. Hawley, S. G. Ramsey, W. F. Hurst, Ohio Z; W. E. O'Kane and F. W. Millington, Ohio B, our new brothers may ascribe the thoroughness of their first lessons in Grecian culture.

Oct. 7, '85.

J. E. RANDALL.

 TELEGRAMS.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 3, 1885.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY, OXFORD, OHIO :

May the new Ohio Alpha equal the Ohio Alpha of the olden time.

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 3, 1885.

W. E. O'KANE, OXFORD, OHIO :

The Indianapolis Alumni send greeting to the reorganized Ohio Alpha, and regret their inability to be present at the meeting to-night. May the chapter and the University achieve the success that comes from deserving it.

BENJ. HARRISON,
HILTON U. BROWN,
C. L. GOODWIN,
B. K. ELLIOTT.

From Brother O'Kane.

DELAWARE, OHIO, Oct. 6, 1885.

MR. H. U. BROWN :

DEAR BROTHER : Ohio Alpha was re-established last Saturday night with eight charter members. Their names are : W. E. Morris (formerly Indiana Beta), '89 ; W. J. Rush, '89 ; Sam'l W. Townsend, '89 ; Geo. F. Garrod, '89 ; Jas. R. Mays, '89 ; Will E. Clough, '89 ; W. H. Foster, '88, and James C. Mount, '90. You will notice that most of them are in the Freshman class. This was necessary, because most of the University are in that class, there being no class higher than Sophomore. I have not heard yet as to the attitude, Dr. McFarland has taken toward the chapter, but think that everything will be all right. By the way, one of our men received a letter from $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ requesting him to get together a crowd for initiation into that fraternity. He answered that he would be pleased to do it, only he thought it hardly right for a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to organize a chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. This letter was the first intimation I had that $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ was attempting to enter Miami. I think that $B \Theta \Pi$ will be the next fraternity to organize, at least they seem to be the most active. In our chapter are four men that were spiked by the Betas, while we were successful in every instance, securing every one we invited. The success of Ohio Alpha, I think, is assured. In the Bond, W. E. O'KANE.

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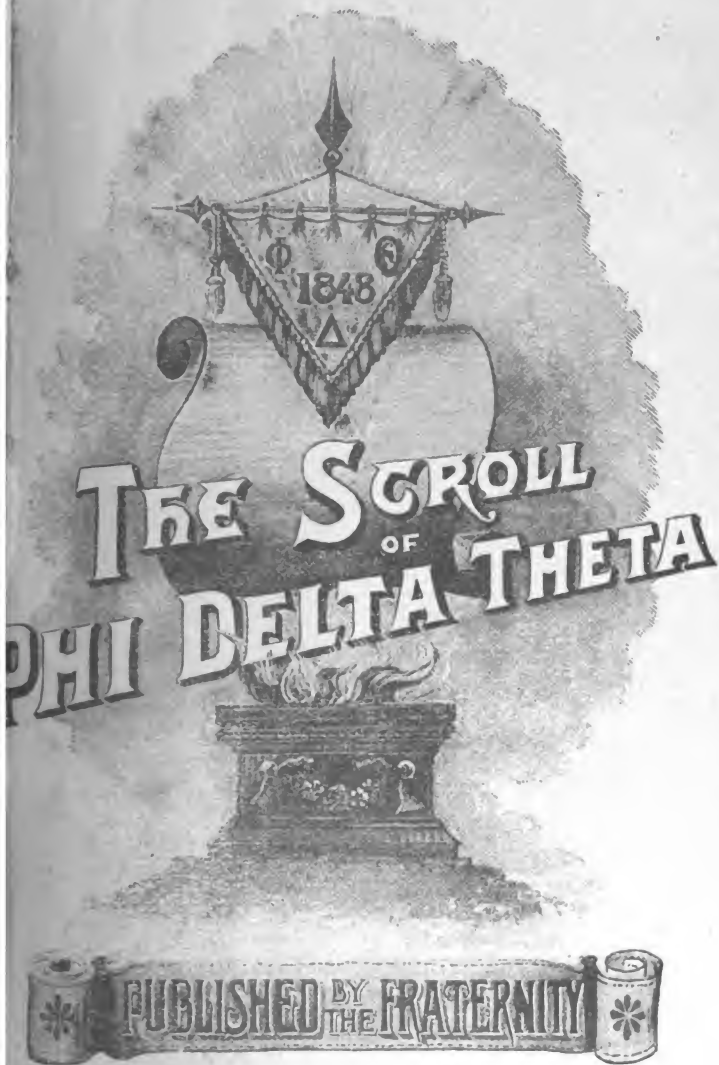
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THE CRISIS OF 1851.

II.

DR. KEMPER asserts of "the Immortal Six," of whom Childs and McNutt were two, that they were fretted by the petty tyranny of the Faculty, "not that they had transgressed in anything, not that they intended to do anything wrong, not that they would have any duty unfulfilled or slighted, but they had a right to be free in this one particular. * * * * * They admitted the importance and duty of temperance in all things. Total abstinence from all that produced intoxication they believed to be essential to the young. They were willing to declare this and to promote it to the best of their ability in every right way."

How well the conduct of these two gentlemen conformed to these fine words the facts in their case will make clear, and fortunately for the cause of truth, the original official records of that eventful period are at hand, thanks to brother Palmer's perseverance and kindness. Further details from private letters in reference to the same sad business confirm the statements of the official records.

After the trial and expulsion of these gentlemen a statement of the case was sent to the convention, whose minutes were published in the last October SCROLL. The paper is drawn with great moderation and kindness to the erring brethren. It is as follows:

"REPORT.

"At the meeting of the Ohio Alpha, held on the 17th of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, a committee was appointed to draw up a brief statement of the causes which led to the expulsion of two of its members on the thirtieth day of October, 1851, and to present the same to the order of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, which was to assemble at Cincinnati, on the thirtieth of December, we, the committee appointed at that (time), "present the following report:

"The committee deem it unnecessary to go into any length-

ened detail of the state of affairs previous to the time of the arraignment, merely stating a few facts by way of introduction. For more than a month before the society took any action upon the case, it had been known to a majority of the members that James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt were pursuing a course of conduct entirely at variance with the pledges they had entered into when they signed the Bond of the Society, and inconsistent with the vows they had taken upon themselves when they had connected themselves with the church, and their promises as members of the Young Men's Temperance Society of Miami University.

"It was not thought best to bring them before the Society, but to deal gently with them, and to try to persuade them to retrace their erring footsteps. Accordingly, Mr. Harrison—being the intimate friend and room-mate of Mr. McNutt—was selected to advise him on the subject; and Mr. Denny, being the confidential friend of Mr. Childs, was chosen to converse with and counsel him. They held several private conversations, and each of the gentlemen acknowledged his faults, and made promises to amend and professed penitence. Mr. McNutt made a resolution on his knees before God never to touch aught that would intoxicate, while to Mr. Childs, he promised to abstain until Christmas. But in a short time it was known to the members that the pledges thus solemnly made had been broken, and that repeatedly. They were again affectionately entreated to desist from the mad course which they were pursuing, and again they promised, and again forfeited their word, until at last it seemed as if their word was not considered binding on their consciences. At first they were very careful to hide their deeds from the eyes of their fellow-students, but soon they grew more careless, and seemed to care little whether they were known or not, and several times appeared in public assemblies in a state of drunkenness. It seemed to be a point of honor for them to be drunk on the night of the temperance meetings, which, considering that Mr. McNutt was prosecutor of the society, was setting a bad example, to say the least of it.

"At last, since the efforts of their friends to win them from their sinful course had proved unavailing, and their solemn vows had been broken repeatedly, it seemed necessary that the society should take a more decided action. A meeting was, therefore, called on the afternoon of the 28th of October. All the members were present, except Childs, McNutt and Denny. Messrs. Childs and McNutt having gone to a circus, could not be informed of the meeting, and the warden was unable to find Mr. Denny. The warden, Mr. Kemper, appearing unwilling to commence a prosecution without a vote of the society, was therefore instructed by a unanimous vote to arraign the gentlemen. The Society

then adjourned until evening, at which time the arraigned members were notified to be present, but they did not attend, and the following letter was received from them, directed thus :

“ ‘ To the Gentlemen who style themselves the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society :

“ ‘ MIAMI UNIVERSITY, October 28, 1851.

“ ‘ GENTLEMEN : Whereas, neither the Bond nor the Constitution of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society provide for the arraignment of any member ; and, whereas, did they contain any such clause, it would provide such end, only to be attained by a unanimous vote of all attendant members, and as the vote of such members has not been obtained, we, the undersigned, denying the authority of those gentlemen, who *falsely* style themselves the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society, to make such arraignment, do hereby refuse *most positively* to attend at the time and place specified.

“ ‘ JAMES H. CHILDS,

“ ‘ J. G. McNUTT.’

“ ‘ As this same right was also disputed by some other members, the president, being the expounder of the constitution, gave the following decision : ‘ That such a right inherently belongs to the Society as an organized body, and that in all cases it is the duty of the warden to conduct such arraignments as the Society may order.’ All final action was then postponed until the thirtieth, and a committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the opinions and feelings of the Society concerning the affair under consideration.

“ ‘ The committee drew up these resolutions, which were adopted unanimously :

“ ‘ WHEREAS, The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society, as such, does not claim special authority for the arraignment of any member within its jurisdiction ; and, whereas, James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt, members of the Ohio Alpha of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, do question the right of said society to summon any member charged with a violation of the Bond, therefore,

“ ‘ Resolved, 1st. That the right is inherently in our order to protect itself against internal corruption.

“ ‘ Resolved, 2d. That whilst we deprecate the act with which the said James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt are charged, yet we love them as brothers, and fondly hope that they may be led by our kind offices and the blessing of God to covenant anew to fulfill every duty required by the Bond.

“ ‘ Resolved, 3d. That we adjourn, to meet in the College Cabinet, on Thursday evening, the 30th instant, at 8 o'clock, and that meanwhile we earnestly invoke the guidance of Almighty God as to the course of action to be pursued.

“ ‘ Resolved, 4th. That a copy of the above be submitted to James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt.’

"On the night specified the gentlemen appeared and pleaded guilty to the charges alleged against them. The Society proceeded to the consideration of the penalty to be imposed. Mr. Matthews, in behalf of the guilty members, presented the following proposition, which, he stated, was the only one on which the gentlemen would treat with the Society: That they would renew their bonds to the Society, provided that each individual member would sign the following:

"MIAMI UNIVERSITY, October 30, 1851.

"We, the undersigned, do solemnly pledge ourselves that we will make use of nothing that has happened previous to this time to the disadvantage of either Joseph G. McNutt or James H. Childs, and that we will reveal nothing which will make them arraignable or cause them to be arraigned before either the Young Men's Temperance Society, the Faculty of Miami University, or other body with which they are connected."

"The Society refused to entertain any such proposal, as they had never, either as individuals or as a body, given the gentlemen any reason to suppose that they would make any such use of the knowledge they had obtained. Whereupon Mr. Matthews, who was prepared for such an emergency, offered his resignation, which was received. The names of James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt were then struck from the Bond without a dissenting vote. Messrs. Denny and Kemper then resigned their memberships, which resignations were unanimously accepted, as they were premeditated.

"Such is a brief statement of the causes which led to the expulsion of two members and the withdrawal of three more. The committee cannot but think that to any candid mind reviewing the whole ground, the action of the Society will clearly seem the only course open to them.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"J. K. BOUDE,	} Committee.
"DAVID SWING,	
"JOHN A. ANDERSON.	

"MIAMI UNIVERSITY, December, 1851."

The private conferences and faithful fraternal entreaties and expostulations show clearly that not only was there no spiteful or unkind feeling toward these erring brethren, but that there was a sincere desire by the members generally to retain them in the brotherhood, provided it could be done consistent with the great principles enunciated in the Bond. To the requirements of that Bond those young men had voluntarily pledged their honor as gentlemen, and the seven who meant to keep their word thus pledged, reluctantly surrendered personal friendships for the sake of good morals and an honest compliance with the terms of that—to them—sacred instrument.

Ross, one of the seven faithful attendant members, in a letter of date December 22, '51, says: "Of a truth, Morrison, I never regretted a step so much, but it had to be done. We could not do any other way than to cut them off."

Childs and McNutt were *not unfairly* dealt with. If they were conscious "that they had not transgressed in anything," as Dr. Kemper affirms, why should they have pleaded GUILTY?

Was it the fair thing, then, for these young men, when they admitted their transgression, to require of each of the individual members of the society to sign a written pledge to screen them from meeting their responsibilities in the Church and temperance societies, of which they were members, while the fraternity only required of them for the future an *oral* pledge on their sacred honors? They afterwards, as we shall see, complained of this act of their attorney, Matthews, as not properly representing their views, though they allowed six months to pass ere they said so. The Society had good reason, at the time, to regard this request to agree to accept a dishonorable implication on themselves, and to promise to forestall the possible necessary ends of justice in the unforeseen Providence of God, as coming directly from Childs and McNutt.

But if it was right to expel these men, why did others leave, does a reader ask?

In the course of the trial, it came out in the testimony preliminary to the call upon the defendants "guilty or not guilty," that when McNutt heard that his conduct was in violation of the Magna Charta of the Society, he replied: "Why, then, do they not get after Matthews, for he gets drunk, too?" Matthews had no desire to be called next.

Denny, before he made his final bow, admitted that the society had done rightly in the matter, but that his relation to Childs was such, that Childs and he could not be separated. He soon showed how sincere that statement was by joining the "Alphas," and leaving Childs in the ranks of the "Dekes."

Willson regarded Denny's conduct in his mission for the society to Childs to have been treacherous, and Dr. J. K. Boude says, in a letter to W. B. Palmer, November 10, '85, that in the spring of 1852, when Childs and McNutt applied to the society for a new trial: "We then learned that Denny, who had been selected to talk with them" (Childs and McNutt), "when the charges were first made, and who let us believe that he had done so to no effect, had not performed his duty at all, and led us to believe that they were contumacious." McNutt's petition refers to Denny, though not by name, as one guilty of his troublesome sin, as he had repeatedly charged upon another, to shield his own conduct. Denny now writes after his name the significant letters S. J., and there are other reasons that justify the conclusion that while at

college he was practising considerably in the line of that celebrated order.

Why Kemper left is, perhaps, answered to his own satisfaction in the article in the Quarterly above referred to. He, however, no doubt knew well the characters of those who left, for one reason or another, and went with the company that he most preferred.

Capital punishment for such a reason and upon two such popular young men was a *brave* act, and certainly a painful one. It was regarded as a thing of risk. It was an untried and new condition of things, and they awaited the result with some apprehension. They were in dead earnest, and preferred death to pollution or even dishonor. They, however, feared God and trusted in Him, and this hour of their trouble they remembered the promise of His infallible and blessed word: "If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." They were neither ashamed nor afraid to go accordingly to the great Allwise Father for His guidance, and who will say that they went in vain!

Was it fanatical or foolish in that sterling patriot, Samuel Adams, to voice the earnest prayer for his country, that was the most striking feature in the proceedings of the Continental Congress on the first day of July, 1776?

And was it unwise or useless for subscribers to the Bond of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to show their sincerity and earnestness and faith in God, just as they did in this first serious trouble that befel them? The favor of God certainly was upon the work of that day. The fraternity there at once took a higher and firmer stand for morality and truth than it had done. Its spinal column was strengthened. Its members breathed freer and deeper, and trusted in God more than ever. A grand precedent was set that made it easier ever after to say to evil doers in Phi ranks, "We have no room for you." Our order is not a screen to hide transgressors from the penalty of a just law, or to shield the guilty from deserved punishment. Henceforward the words of the Bond were shown to be not empty nor vain, but things of life and power. The need for the white-washing of brethren had come to an end; no good conscience need be strained to say kind words about fellow members. In various ways good results soon began to appear. At the very next meeting after the storm, two grand men came into the ranks—James Carson, whose older brother was a Beta, and Samuel Hibben, the first scholar and one of the best men in the University. Hibben was graduated in the class of '53. He and Holmes, both Phis, took first and second honors in a class of thirty-five. And, by the way, how could it have happened that the eloquent orator, the vanquisher of James G. Birney, Joseph Gideon McNutt, though he belonged to that class, did not even have a

speaker's place on Commencement Day? Was it that class that Samuel F. Hunt had in his eye, when he said in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon* of last April, that "it can well be claimed that the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity received more honors from the literary societies than all the other secret organizations in the University combined?"

James H. —now Rev. Dr.—Brooks was *pledged* soon after, but he was interfered with, and told that the Phis were upstarts and men of no character, whereas the Alphas were an old established fraternity, and had a college professor—Moffat—as a member.

So the Phi boys, anxious to see how men of matured mind and sober views would regard their purposes and plans, elected that "accomplished linguist and true Christian, Charles Elliot," and that "venerable and sagacious philosopher," Dr. O. N. Stoddard. Both of these professors accepted and signed the Bond, and often attended and took part in their meetings. The fraternity having thus been successful, elected Rev. John M. Worrall, then the popular and eloquent pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Oxford, Ohio; also, Rev. Dr. Claybaugh, of the Theological Seminary, and later, Rev. W. C. Anderson, D.D., President of the University.

J. A. Anderson wrote January 22, '52: "We are looking up; the past is like the moon in a clear night, but the future like the midday sun." Ross wrote about the same time: "Our prospects are brightening; we have received into our fellowship Sam. Hibben, James Carson and E. E. Hutchinson, all young men of undoubted talent and moral worth."

The indirect result of this discipline proved salutary. The young men who were the chief subjects of it were, no doubt, benefited by it to a considerable extent; they were thought to be sufficiently good to be worthy charter members of an incoming and rival fraternity. Would it not be proper for that brotherhood to be generous to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for training such desirable men and furnishing an opportunity for that fraternity to make a start in Miami University?

But the reader's patience and SCROLL space perhaps will hardly allow the remainder of the history to be told in this article. The next section will tell of some change in the character of the correspondence addresses to the Ohio Alpha of the Phi Delta Theta by some young men heretofore mentioned.

ROBERT MORRISON.

TENNESSEE BETA'S HOUSE.

WHEN this chapter was opened in the year 1883, the University of the South kindly offered for the meetings of the members a suite of rooms in St. Luke's Hall, which belongs to the theological department. As soon as the chapter was firmly established, it began to look forward to the erection of some local habitation. In the month of May, 1884, the sum of \$500 was given for this purpose by our brother J. H. P. Hodgson (one of the earliest members, and still among our readiest and most active friends), which, added to a subscription previously raised, encouraged the securing of a corner lot and the breaking of the ground for building, in the following month. The chapter-house was finished in the course of the summer, at the cost of \$1,000.

It is a frame building, stands a little back from the street, in the midst of a grove of young oak trees. Passing along a narrow pathway, we reach the piazza, which leads us into the larger room, 32 feet by 18. The centre of this is occupied by a billiard-table, at which members are free to amuse themselves at any time, among themselves, or with invited friends. At the northern end of the room a bow-window opens out, which is to be curtained off by itself, and the window-seat of which will offer a delightful resting-place in the summer months.

Along the eastern wall extend a series of windows, set with colored glass; and the farther end of the room is improved by a great chimney-place, lately finished, which runs up between two little square apertures filled with red panes, thus giving an odd and pleasing effect from without or within.

Thence we pass, through double doors, into the inner sanctum, reserved for the esoteric ceremonies of the fraternity. This is a smaller room, 16 feet by 16; but is enlarged at the outer end by a bay, heavily curtained off with yellow-brown hangings, which contains the presiding officer's desk and chair. Here, too, is the nucleus of a library, for which a substantial book-case is soon to be made.

As before stated, the house is frame, and is weather-boarded with shingles instead of plank. The corners of the weather-ends of the shingles are cut off. The effect is pretty and unique.

Each window sash has a large red pane in the centre, which is surrounded by small square white ones. The effect is very pretty.

The house is almost wholly due to brother Hodgson. His zeal and energy, and his interest in his fraternity are unbounded. The chapter and fraternity owe him a lasting debt of gratitude. He is a true man and a true Phi. ROBERT S. DOWDY.

KENTUCKY DELTA.*

A SHORT history of the birth and prospects of Kentucky Delta will no doubt be of interest to the fraternity.

For some time the active alumni had been considering the advisability of planting a chapter at Richmond, Ky. In the summer of this year that indefatigable worker, Walter B. Palmer, of Nashville, Tenn., began a correspondence with Thos. R. Phister, of Maysville, Ky., as to standing of Central University. He at once took hold of the matter, and information as to the standing and future of the college was forwarded to the General Council. It was finally determined to send a man to Richmond as a committee of investigation. Accordingly, brother Phister went to Central University to take notes of the situation, and if the prospects were good for a first-class chapter, to select the requisite number of men to make an application for a charter. He secured the co-operation of brother Geo. B. Thomas, and late in September the two proceeded to Richmond.

Fraternity restrictions had only been removed two years ago, and the Greek world was already represented by $\Sigma A E$, $A T \Omega$, $\Delta K E$ and ΣN , so that great care and caution were necessary.

After receiving the permission of the president, Dr. Logan, an alumnus of Kentucky Δ chapter, we proceeded to examine the material for a chapter. Although four fraternities were already established, yet for various reasons many of the best men in college had joined none of them. To select men up to the Phi standard on a short acquaintance is by no means easy. But we started with the determination to have the best men or none, keeping always in view the idea of getting men who would establish Kentucky Δ on a broad and firm foundation. The result gratified our most sanguine expectations, and nine men joined in an application for a charter. Two others were afterwards chosen. The application was presented to the General Council, and in due time a charter was forwarded us, with authority to initiate the applicants.

On November 17th we went to Richmond. In response to an invitation to be present at initiation, Kentucky Δ sent two men, brothers R. S. Dawson and Frank N. Lee. Bro. Jas. R. Burnam, Kentucky Δ , '77, a prominent young lawyer of Richmond and member of the Legislature, took great interest in the cause, and the four made extensive arrangements for the initiation. The new men are thoroughly imbued with the true Phi spirit, and will make our new chapter all we can wish. It is already recognized as a formidable rival by the other fraternities, of which all but one welcomed her with true Grecian courtesy.

THOS. R. PHISTER.

* We have received a letter from the Reporter of Kentucky Δ , which being also descriptive of the initiation, we do not publish. The lists of new men will be found under INITIATES.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND HER FRATERNITIES.

ALTHOUGH New Hampshire can boast of only one college, yet she may well say that she yields to no State in the practical and mental drill which she gives to those who attend this college. Hanover, N. H., the seat of Dartmouth College, lies on the west bank of the Connecticut River, on a slightly elevated plain, some 160 miles north of Boston. West of the town a low range of hills lift their rugged heads, while to the south and north the plain of the beautiful Connecticut valley stretches out in its unbroken beauty.

In describing the village, perhaps we can do no better than to use Willis' description of New Haven: "If it was not for the spires of the churches, a bird, flying over on its autumnal voyage to the Floridas, would never mention having seen it in its travels. The houses are something between an Italian palace and an English cottage built of wood, but in the dim light of those overshadowing trees, as fair to the eyes as marble, with their triennial coat of paint; and each stands in the midst of its own encircling grass plot, half buried in vines and flowers . . . green openings are left throughout the town fringed with intervening elm rows, the long weeping branches sweeping downward to the grass, and with their encircling shadows keeping moist and cool the road they overhang."

It may seem strange to some that the seed from which this knowledge-giving-flower of New Hampshire sprung was first planted in Connecticut, but it is no less the case. In 1757 Eleazor Wheelock, D.D., established a charity school for Indians at Lebanon, Conn. At first this school had but one pupil. In a short time, because of the increase in the number of pupils and the nearness of Yale College, Mr. Wheelock determined to move the school farther north. This he soon did, choosing as the site Hanover, N. H. In 1769, Mr. Wheelock, through Governor John Wentworth, the last royal governor of New Hampshire, succeeded in obtaining a charter for his school as a college, Mr. Wheelock being the first president. Under his excellent management the college grew very rapidly. At the first Commencement four hopeful youths received their A. B., and at the end of ten years the sum total of the graduates was 99. A like period at Harvard produced but 53, and at Yale only 36. The five years from 1841 to 1845, inclusive, added 358 to the alumni of the college. During the war the classes fell to an average of 34, but after 1868 the number began to increase and now the numbers are greater than at any time previous.

The faculty of the college and associate institutions consists of 43 men, all of recognized ability, among them Prof. A. S. Hardy, the author of a treatise on "Quaternions" and the novel "But yet a Woman;" Prof. C. F. Richardson, author of "Choice of

Books," "Primer of American Literature," and several poems of merit; Prof. J. K. Lord, editor of an edition of Cicero's *Lælius*.

The associate institutions are the Medical College, State Agricultural College, Thayer School of Civil Engineering, and the Chandler Scientific School. The latter, Gen. Sherman, U. S. A., has pronounced the most perfect scientific school in America.

Dartmouth is not deficient in the literature of knowledge. In the professions, in practical life, and in scholarship she is represented by such men as Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, Thaddeus Stevens; in divinity by Geo. Bush, Geo. P. Marsh, Jas. Marsh, S. C. Bartlett, the present president of the college; in law by Isaac F. Redfield; in medicine by Mooreland, Durkee, and Ordronaux. Besides these, Dartmouth lays claim to 9 governors of the State, one chief justice of the United States; 15 U. S. senators; 70 representatives to Congress; and 9 governors of other States.

Although the college sprung from a high religious tone, yet it is purely unsectarian. Its training is not merely an intellectual one, but the institution realizes that there is something above the intellect which pertains to a higher part of a being, and attention is paid to the morals of those within her halls. The faculty also realize the fact that a father does not send his son to college to be blessed with Latin, Greek, and mathematics simply, but to be built up in integrity and manhood.

But let us come to the subject of fraternities. Prior to 1842 Greek letter societies were unknown at Dartmouth. During this year, 1842, Prof. C. B. Haddock, recognizing the lack of sociality among the students, formed the idea of starting a society. He communicated with the students, and the result was the founding of the Kappa Kappa Kappa. As a local society it is very strong. It has the largest membership of any fraternity at Dartmouth, and its alumni numbers about 630. During the same year ΨT entered Dartmouth with four charter members. The society has had continued success. Within the last few years this chapter has introduced the "social element" into the chapter hall to a great degree. Much time is spent by the members in this, perhaps we may call it, too social manner. Without doubt since this element has been introduced so extensively the standing of the chapter has fallen somewhat. The number of alumni reaches 540.

From 1842 to 1845 there was a comparative rest in society matters, both the KKK s and the ΨT s doing their regular work without much rivalry. At this time there was a Senior society, local, known as the $T \Delta \Theta$, and in 1844 the subject of applying for a charter to $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ was agitated and two delegates were sent to Amherst to look the matter up. Nothing definite, however, was done till March, 1846, when the charter was granted, the petition having been signed by 18 men. The society now

numbers about 40 active members, with an alumni of 443. Although Dartmouth was the eleventh college into which $A \Delta$ entered, yet the Dartmouth chapter has an alumni only exceeded by the Amherst chapter, which has an alumni of 476. The chapter here pays special attention to music, making the literary work secondary to this. It owns its own hall, which was built in 1872. Dartmouth was also the eleventh college into which the $\Delta K E$ s entered. This fraternity in 1843 granted a charter to 20 petitioners and the II chapter was founded at Dartmouth. The $\Delta K E$ s are, at present, probably the strongest society here. They still pay close attention to literary work and have not as yet drifted toward the "social element." The Dartmouth alumni of $\Delta K E$ numbers about 200.

From 1853 to 1869 the different societies carried out their usual routine of work with more or less contention during the "chinning" seasons. During this interval the monotony was broken by the rising and falling of numerous Freshman societies, the principal ones of which were the ΔK and $K \Sigma E$.

From 1853 to 1869 there was a great falling off in the number of students, but after '69 the classes began to increase in number and there was a demand for another society. Accordingly about 20 members of the class of '72 applied to $\Theta \Delta X$ for a charter, which was granted. The chapter is composed of hard-working fraternity men and is in a fair condition.

From this time on the classes continued to grow slowly till '83, when the Freshman class was larger than usual and there were many men who did not join a fraternity. A class society was formed during the winter and meetings held. Finally, it was decided to apply for a charter to some fraternity. After due consideration, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was decided upon as the one offering the greatest advantages. The charter was granted in 1884 to nine charter members. The chapter has had excellent success thus far. It was at once recognized by the other fraternities and admitted to positions upon the college publications and class honors. At present the chapter numbers 25 men; the delegation from the class of '89 consisting of 9 as good men as any society have obtained.

Dartmouth has always been noted among the Eastern Colleges for the number of Western men which she graduates, and it is thought that this new society will be the nucleus for all Western men to gather around. And the New Hampshire Alpha would earnestly ask all Western Phis to keep "an eye out" for all men intending to come to Dartmouth to complete their education, and set them on the correct road to the NATIONAL FRATERNITY.

Geo. W. Shaw, *N. H. Alpha.*

EDITORIAL.

DURING the year 1883-84, when the *Beta Theta Pi* was under the charge of Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr. (a Harvard man, by the way), it teemed with editorials advocating the decapitation of sundry chapters in weak condition and at poor colleges. So remorseless and relentless was the aforesaid editor in his attacks upon the hapless chapters, that a word of protest was raised by Mr. John J. Covington, the former editor, who attributed to him Herod-like proclivities. Still the war was waged with energy unabated, until the weak chapters fairly quaked in their boots. It was declared most solemnly that their death warrants had been signed, and the decreed execution would take place at the convention of 1884. But mark the change. In spite of the terrible threats *mirabile dictu*, every chapter escaped. The executioners had not a single victim. Evidently a majority of the delegates in the convention of 1884 were not of the Herod kind. Then it was stated editorially that the condemned chapters had been reprieved, and outside spectators thought that the *dies iræ* had only been postponed until the convention of 1885. But with the withdrawal of Mr. Chambers Baird, Jr., from the editorial management of the magazine in the fall of 1884, Mr. W. O. Robb took charge, and thereafter we read no more of executions, etc. During the year 1884-85, there appeared a very significant and weighty contribution from Mr. W. R. Baird upon the extension policy of *B Θ II*. This Mr. Baird is the widely-known author of "American College Fraternities." He urged that the fraternity made a great mistake in bowing down to the standards of *Ψ T, A Δ Φ* and *Δ K E*. He affirmed that the extension policy had become weak and vacillating, and that *B Θ II* ought to have a policy of its own independent of that of the eastern orders. He further declared that the fraternity ought to establish itself in every good institution, and become national in extent. This article was calculated to have a strong influence, and it had. At the convention of 1885, the blood-thirsty Herods suffered another disappointment. Not a head fell in the basket. Instead of withdrawing the charters of chapters in sickly condi-

tion and at sickly colleges, we are told that *the convention was overwhelmingly for further extension*. Finally the fraternity has resolved to break away from the policy of ultra conservatism which it took up several years since in imitation of its then Eastern idols. A chapter at the University of Texas was chartered, and three applications for charters were referred to the chapters to vote upon.

One very curious result followed the agitation of the chapter-killing question. The *Crescent* of $\Delta T \Delta$, taking its cue from the *Beta Theta Pi* in 1883-4, also pronounced in favor of an extermination of weak chapters and chapters in insignificant institutions. Strangely enough, while the courage of $B \Theta \Pi$ failed, $\Delta T \Delta$ had the nerve to apply the knife, and that vigorously. Chapters at Franklin and Marshall College, Pa., Mount Union College, Ohio, Lombard University, Ill., and at some other institutions, have had their charters annulled. $\Delta T \Delta$ will really be stronger by this heroic piece of work.

Another sign of the times is the change in the policy of $\Delta K E$. Though not as conservative as ΨT and $A \Delta \Phi$, it has since the war been very deliberate and cautious in making extension. Now, however, it is officially announced, through the *$\Delta K E$ Quarterly*, that the work of reconstruction in the South, begun with the establishment of the chapter at Central University, will be pushed vigorously, until $\Delta K E$ has reclaimed its *ante bellum* prestige in the South. The *Beta Theta Pi* recently called attention to the fact that twenty of the fifty-six chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ are in Southern colleges. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has anticipated the return of $\Delta K E$ and perhaps other Eastern fraternities to the South, and has prepared itself to meet them. It has been the settled purpose of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ to establish chapters in every institution of good standing and prospects, and particularly the State Universities; and now that that object has been attained in the South we know the wisdom of the movement, and the Southern section has no fears of invaders from the East, or from any other direction.

ONE of the greatest incentives to chapter life is the meeting of men from other chapters. Not only is a chapter's information of the methods of fraternity work increased, but its conceptions of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s extent and aims are enlarged. One of the most im-

portant functions of the work of Province Presidents is the visiting of the chapters within the Province. While this is practicable as to one or two chapters, the expense of visiting all is necessarily large. Our Province Presidents are necessarily young men, and upon them the burden of expense would in that case fall very heavy. If the chapters would contribute in a large degree to the railroad fares of the presidents, the individual expense upon all parties would be small, and the end to be gained would be assured. This is a suggestion which we trust will be acted upon.

OUR contemporaries and some of our readers have, with good reason, complained of the scarcity of general fraternity news in the SCROLL. We acknowledge this complaint, and consider it necessary for us to offer a word of explanation. We would not wish any one to imply that the absence of fraternity news is an evidence of our disinclination to publish it. If only for the purpose of making this well informed fraternity men, all items of general interest should be classified under the proper head. The SCROLL, however, must, during this year, be conducted with strict economy, and our former 48 pp. will necessarily be limited in some numbers to 40 pp. Our contributions are so numerous and our chapter letters are usually so very full that we must exercise the greatest care in condensation, if we wish to publish only the articles having a primary claim. Our only reason, therefore, for the dearth of items concerning other fraternities is lack of space. We trust, however, in our January number to review the fraternity journals received during this collegiate session.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

ANOTHER step in our fraternal progress has been made in the active Northwest by the organization of Minnesota Alpha Alumni. The chapter as chartered by the General Council comprises members from Minnesota *A*, Wisconsin *A*, Ohio *A* and *A*, Vermont *A*, Pennsylvania *I*, Indiana *E*, and Illinois *Z*. It starts with 16 men, under conditions and with surroundings which remove all uncertainty as to its successful career. It is pleasant to record such interest and activity on the part of our

alumni. They are convincing proof of the correctness of our views on extension, and ample illustration of the fact that a national fraternity means something more than a medley of college "clubs," whose influence does not reach beyond the walls of individual institutions. To the true fraternity man the experiences of college life are but the beginning of the advantages which should—and in some cases do—follow from connection with his order. The man who forgets or ignores these important elements in weighing the merits of different fraternities makes a vital mistake. Whatever advantages, therefore, the so-called "conservative fraternities" lay claim to, they must on this point yield the palm before the progressive, developing organizations which reach out the fraternal hand to every section of the country. We welcome Minnesota Alpha Alumni to a seat about our council fires and bid her God speed!

C. PHILLIPS BASSETT, S. G. C.

LITHOGRAPHS OF FOUNDERS.

THESE should be obtained from the Historian of the General Council, A. A. Stearns. His address is 234 Superior street, Cleveland, Ohio. The cost of a set has been fixed at the nominal price of SIXTY CENTS.

TO REPORTERS.

ALL Chapter reports received after December 1 were retained for January number. Reports for No. 4 should be received by January 1, though possibly, if not later than January 5, they may be published. The editors desire to thank the reporters for their hearty co-operation in their work.

J. M. MAYER.

NEW CUTS.

Two new steel plates have been recently engraved by Dreka for the use of the Fraternity. One is a small engraving of our pin for use on stationery and the like.

The other is a large design of our coat of arms. In designing this, care was taken that it should be an *exact* representation of our arms, as described in detail in the constitution. The existing plates, while artistic in the main, are *not* the true arms of Phi Delta Theta. The cut of E. A. Wright, of Philadelphia, is very far from being correct. The coffin and lamp at the bottom, the owl perched on the shield, and the letters $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ surmounting all, have no place in our true coat of arms, and the sheaves of wheat encircling shield and scroll have been metamorphosed into something else. The position of the helmet and the dimensions

of all are entirely erroneous in this cut. Dreka's old cut approaches much nearer to the proper representation. The chief error in this is the large black letters $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, which are so conspicuous in the background, and which, like those at the top of Wright's cut, should have no place there.

In designing the new cut, the description given in the constitution has been *strictly* followed. There are some points in that description which are found to be conflicting when carefully examined. The manner of rolling the scroll—with both ends turned from view—is the manner described in the constitution, and not the method adopted in the other two cuts mentioned. I think this new cut is as near an exact representation of our arms as it is possible to make and reconcile all points. It is undoubtedly a much nearer approach to perfection than any which have hitherto been produced.

E. H. L. RANDOLPH.

A MODEL CHAPTER REPORT.

LETTER.

Name of Chapter.

Name of College.

Concise Report.

Date.

Name of Reporter.

PERSONALS.

(on separate sheet.)

Class.

Name.

Note.

'85.

John Doe is practising law at Doeville, Cal.

INITIATES.

(on separate sheet.)

Class.

Name in full.

Residence.

'89.

John James Doe, Doeville, California.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW YORK BETA.

WE are in first-class condition ; never was the outlook more favorable than at present. To cap the climax, we initiated three new men last Thursday evening, A. E. Phillips and H. McMillan, '87, and A. R. Conover, '89. These, together with brother M. Nolan, '89, whom we received during the first of the term, constitute our initiates up to date for this college year. Our membership is : 86, 5 ; '87, 4 ; '88, 3 : '89, 2 ; total, 14.

Our initiation of Thursday evening was doubly pleasant, as it was the date of our second anniversary. We celebrated it in an interesting literary entertainment, followed by a magnificent spread, at which all were made jubilant by the eloquent responses to the toasts, and by participation in singing.

Although this was only our second anniversary, the spirit shown throughout its commemoration proved that love for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ filled the very soul of every member.

We have as pleasant a society home as any fraternity chapter in Union, and still its attractiveness continues to grow.

We remain as ever loyal Phis and ardent advocates of our beloved fraternity.

December 1, 1885.

T. WARREN ALLEN.

NEW YORK GAMMA, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THIS chapter has been further strengthened by the addition of brother William Howard Treat, '89, who was initiated the 15th inst. Brother Treat has been president of his class during both terms of the preparatory and the present term of the Freshman year, a retention of office the length of which is not within the memory of the present student generation.

The furnishing of the new rooms of the chapter is nearly completed. They have not as yet been formally opened, but the chapter is unanimous in its expression of satisfaction at their appearance. The location is admirable, they being in one of the most central portions of the metropolis.

The Phrenocosmian Society, one of the two literary organizations here, will celebrate its one hundredth term by a banquet on Friday next. The office of toastmaster is held by a Phi, and it may be remarked that, on a like occasion two years ago, the other literary society gave the same office also to a Phi.

The alumni and two undergraduate chapters will hold their second annual banquet the 11th inst. The large number who

have already promised to attend warrant the belief that this reunion will prove more enjoyable even than that of last year.

The present undergraduate membership of New York Gamma numbers fourteen, divided as follows: '86, 2; '87, 5; '88, 6; '89, 1. Of these, six have entered during the present collegiate year. Additions to this number are promised before Commencement.

November 28, 1885.

ALBERT SHIELS.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

SINCE the last publication of the SCROLL we have been making rapid strides towards fitting up and furnishing our new chapter rooms, which are looking very homelike. At our last meeting we initiated another fine man, brother Miner, of the Law School. After the initiation we were all tendered a Thanksgiving supper by brother Wampold. We had present with us brother W. R. Worrall, Kentucky Alpha, '79, brother Paul Jones, Tennessee Alpha, '79, brother J. W. Blakey, Wisconsin Alpha, '85, and brother J. C. Walker, Tennessee Alpha, '83. Brother Mayer was toastmaster.

We have our new piano and are able to make quite a showing in a musical way, as one of our men plays the cornet, one the violin, several the piano, all the banjo, and quite a number have very fine voices.

We have just had a steel die cut, which will appear in the *Columbia Miner* next month, and is now being put on paper and envelopes for chapter use.

December 1, 1885.

ELBERT P. CALLENDER.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA, LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

THE ensuing year promises a repetition of our past prosperity. Our meetings are regularly attended and more fraternal interest is manifested than has been for some time heretofore.

We have initiated four excellent men—one from each class. '89 has little good material to select from, so our delegation is naturally small, but we were especially fortunate in securing brother Lenhart and hope for further additions next term.

Brother Ludlow, '85, wrote us in glowing terms of the fraternal reception tendered him by the Minnesota Alpha boys during his short stay in Minneapolis.

More interest has been taken in football this year than ever before, and the number of victories gained over other colleges is very gratifying. Brother Hamme is captain of the college team.

November 25, 1885.

HARRY L. MOORE.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

ON October 10th we initiated Arthur H. Ewing, '87, in whom we will have an honor man at graduation. The eleven editors of our annual, the *Pandora*, are apportioned as follows: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 2, brothers C. A. Lippincott and J. A. Bell; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 1; $\Phi K \Sigma$, 1; $\Phi K \Psi$, 1; $\Delta T \Delta$, 1; and non-fraternity, 6. At a subsequent meeting of the board, brother Lippincott was elected editor-in-chief.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has secured for Class Day, the poet, brother W. T. Tredway, and presenter of honors, brother George W. Fulton.

ON November 7th we initiated James P. Blackburn, '89, and expect more from his class. Brother George W. Fulton, '86, is president of the Philo and Union Literary Society.

The decennial of our chapter will be duly celebrated December 4th.

The treasurer of the college has received a check of \$30,306 from the estate of the late Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D. D., to be applied to endowing a memorial chair in Latin.

Brother Lippincott desires to exchange annuals with reporters at colleges where annuals are published.

November 14, 1885.

A. J. MONTGOMERY, JR.

BETA PROVINCE.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OUR chapter, I am glad to say, is doing excellent work, and our prospects are very bright.

Since our last report we have initiated brother G. W. Bethell.

We are glad to hear that brothers Hines and White, who left us some time ago, are successful in the practice of law.

November 29, 1885.

A. M. SIMMONS.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

THOUGH beginning the year with only six men, the condition of our chapter is very prosperous. Our college has made the best opening since its reorganization, and the quality of the entering class is unusually good. We have initiated two men, making our present number eight.

Brother Coan, the bearer of the Clariosophic debater's medal, will represent that society as one of its debaters in a contest with the other literary society of the college, to take place in December.

We regret to announce the death of brother William Heath

Massey, a member of South Carolina Alpha. He died at Basconville, S. C., during the month of August.

The projected State Association of the Phis in South Carolina is to be organized in this city on the night of November 11th. Present indications point to a very successful meeting. We congratulate the fraternity on the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha.

November 7, 1885.

W. W. BALL.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

LAST year was a prosperous year with Georgia Beta. She was successful beyond all expectations, making the best record in the history of the chapter. Eighteen of the old boys, who so honored $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ last year, have returned, with the avowed intention of repeating last year's victories.

We have initiated six excellent men, increasing our number to twenty-four.

It becomes our sad duty to report the death of brother E. M. North, of class '80, who died at Hampton, Ga., of which city he was mayor.

November 10, 1885.

R. W. TRIMBLE.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report the following men have been initiated: M. B. Campbell, J. W. Ledbetter, Geo. S. Jones, and H. W. Thomas, thus making a total membership of twenty-four. Four of this number are members of the Senior class, ten of the Junior, nine of the Sophomore and one of the Freshman.

Though we have been in our present hall in the college building but a little more than a year, we can now boast of the neatest and best fraternity hall in college.

Brothers J. R. Hodges and F. A. Hooper, members of our last year's graduating class, paid us a visit last week. Brother Hodges has charge of a high school in Cussita, Ga. Brother Hooper is reading law in Cuthbert.

Brother H. R. Harper has been elected one of the associate editors, and the writer one of the editors-in-chief of *The Monochord*, a monthly journal published by the two literary societies.

November 25, 1885.

W. B. HARDMAN.

ALABAMA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

THOUGH this is the first year of our chapter existence, we are working hard and fully determined to win.

The membership of this chapter now numbers thirty-four—all good, active and ready working men.

We were pleased to have Brother Gibson, of '84, with us a few days ago. I see from the October SCROLL that the name of Brother McCord, one of the number who joined us on June 17, 1885, was omitted by brother Gaston in his letter to you.



November 25, 1885.

W. E. BOOKER.

ALPHA BETA, ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE.

It seems too much of a universal sameness to say "we have nothing but continued success to report since our last," etc., but as this is exactly our condition, I do not know how else to put it. Since our last report we have initiated three men.

Brother L. W. Wilkinson has returned to college to fill the chair of assistant chemist in the State Laboratory and complete his regular studies of the Senior class.

Upon his departure Brother Collier presented the chapter with a fine sword, which he won as a prize at Commencement.

The absence of a "Commencement report" from Alabama Beta in the October SCROLL was caused by brother Penn's death.

The fraternities here are: *A T Ω*, '86, 4; '87, 2; '88, 6; '89, 1; '90, 1. Total, 14. *Φ Δ Θ*, '86, 4; '87, 3; '88, 2; '89, 2. Total, 11. *K A*, '86, 1; '87, 4; '88, 2; '89, 2. Total, 9.

December 1, 1885.

L. W. SPRATLING.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

SINCE my last report two more members have been initiated—brothers William Reynolds Edrington, '88, and Osborne Kennedy, '86.

Brother J. M. Green has returned and will complete his course in law. Brother Moran Scott has returned to his home in Gainesville after a pleasant trip to Tennessee, and is now practicing law. Brother G. B. Willett is teaching in Harold, and brother Jackson Willett surveying in the Nation. Brother Hotchkiss was appointed assistant mailing clerk in the Post-office here. Brother John R. Carpenter is in the office of Bradstreet's Agency.

Of course we had a "great" time at the convention. Never was Texas Beta more enthusiastic and active. I wish I could tell you about it, but the duty has been left to others. I can say that the greatest unanimity prevailed, and in every respect the convention was a success. ' We are all hard at work and striving for success.

November 8, 1885.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

TENNESSEE ALPHA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

THE expulsion of a member of Tennessee Alpha was considered as merely a local affair, and of not sufficient importance to warrant publication in the SCROLL of more than the mere fact of ex-

pulsion, as required by the constitution. But as some other fraternity journal has seen fit to call the attention of the Greek world to the case, it would, perhaps, be best for us to give the fraternity a statement of the facts surrounding it.

Albert B. Hinkle, of Americus, Ga., became a member of Tennessee Alpha in the fall of 1884, and continued his membership until May last, when, evidence of his cheating during a final examination being produced, he was, by vote of the chapter, requested to resign. Refusing to comply, he was formally tried by the chapter on the charge which was brought against him. He was represented by counsel of his own choosing, and allowed to introduce all the evidence in his favor that he had. After a long and careful trial, he was expelled from the fraternity, as unworthy to be associated with its members. On September 26, 1885, he addressed the following letter :

"To Messrs. Claude Waller, Chambers Kellar, William Witt and William Jack, Jr., Students of Vanderbilt University—Gentlemen : As each and all of you have charged me with cheating in my first college English examination on the 12th of last May, I hereby give you due and timely notice that, unless the charge is unqualifiedly withdrawn, or unless you, or one of you, present charges and specifications for the same to the faculty, as I have been officially informed by Dr. Garland you have been twice invited to do, I will accept it as an acknowledgment on your part that you have perpetrated upon me a deliberate, wilful and malicious slander and libel, and will so publish to the world.
Respectfully, A. B. HINKLE.

P. S.—I shall await an answer from you until 7 o'clock this afternoon. If not received by that time, I shall consider that you, and each of you, have failed to present the charges because you know and feel that you have wilfully and maliciously persecuted me before the fraternity, and that you cannot sustain yourself before the faculty.
A. B. H."

To which was made the following reply :

"LIBERTY HALL, Sept. 26, 1885.—Mr. A. B. Hinkle—Sir : In reply to your communication of this date, the members of Tennessee Alpha make this reply : The action taken by them last May in regard to this matter is considered by them as final. The trial which was given you was in every respect fair and honest, and we cannot, in justice to ourselves, alter the decision which was then made.
TENNESSEE ALPHA."

In the Nashville *Union* of September 27th were reproduced this letter and answer, with added remarks of Mr. Hinkle, among which was the following :

"The above letters speak for themselves, and it will be seen that the members of Tennessee Alpha, Vanderbilt University, are too cowardly to bring these charges before the faculty, as requested in my letter, because they know and feel that they have wilfully misstated the facts."

The following is an extract from the reply of the chapter, which appeared on the 28th :

"The chief ground of Mr. Hinkle's complaint against us seems to be that we did not carry the matter further and prosecute him before the faculty for the offence which caused his expulsion from Phi Delta Theta. In this connection we will state that, on the 18th inst., an official communication from

the chapter was sent to the faculty. The action which we had taken was recited, the communication concluding as follows :

"We do not desire to be considered the prosecutors of Mr. Hinkle, but we are willing to furnish all the evidence in our possession. The evidence consists of the testimony of several witnesses whose names we can give, and of the examination papers of Mr. Hinkle and his brother. These papers we believe to be in the possession of Mr. Hinkle. Without presuming to suggest any action to your honorable body, we respectfully submit this statement of the case."

"The idea that we should go before the faculty as the prosecutors of a student is preposterous, and yet this is what Mr. Hinkle complains of us for not doing. With his expulsion from the chapter our relations with him ceased. We are not the *censores morum* of the institution, neither are we charged with the duty of prosecuting offenders against college statutes. If the university has a prosecuting attorney, certainly none of us have been employed, and we decline to be candidates for the office. We are responsible only for the reputation of our chapter, and not for that of the whole student body. Especially would we decline to prosecute this case before the faculty unless we knew that the most important evidence, namely, the examination papers of A. B. Hinkle and his brother, which were so remarkably similar and have been in his possession all summer, had not been tampered with since they were used in the trial before our chapter."

On the 29th Mr. Hinkle published another card, from which the following is taken :

"In reply to their strictures on my examination papers, I make this proposition : I will select one prominent teacher or other gentleman and the chapter another, and these two to select a third, all from Nashville, but outside of the faculty of Vanderbilt, and none of them to be in sympathy with either party, and these three to be the final arbiters as to whether there is any evidence of cheating in the papers or the slightest possible indication of their having been tampered with. My reasons for suggesting the arbiters outside of Vanderbilt is in no wise intended as any reflection upon the learned and honorable faculty of that institution, but from the fact that I have repeatedly begged and demanded of them an official investigation of the matter and an examination of the papers referred to—all of which has been denied me because, as it is claimed by the faculty, it would be a recognition by them of the secret fraternity."

The following is a portion of what appeared on the 30th, as the reply of the chapter :

"Mr. Hinkle now comes forward with another proposition, that we shall become a party to a commission to examine the examination papers. We have only to say that this proposition is even more absurd than the one he previously made. Of course no other body has any appellate jurisdiction over the decision of our chapter, and no judgment of any such body would affect our decision."

"When, in a formal communication to the faculty, we laid our action before them, and offered to give them the names of witnesses, we went as far as duty demands of us and as we intend to go. If they do not choose to grant Mr. Hinkle an investigation, that is a matter between him and them. If he desires to get the opinion of any outside commission, it must be a commission of his own choosing, as we will be no party to it. This matter as concerns his membership in our chapter has been settled. In regard to his being allowed to matriculate in the university, we have no voice."

On October 1st was published "a parting shot from Mr. Hinkle," in which he further denounced the action of the chapter,

attempted to defend himself from the charges on which he had been expelled, and stated that he had made arrangements to leave Nashville. To this the chapter did not deem a reply necessary. We do not wish to add any comment, as the foregoing sufficiently explains, and we consider fully justifies, our action. We need only to correct one error of Mr. Hinkle's—namely, that the faculty invited us to present to them our charges against him. *No such invitation was received by us.*

The Messrs. Hinkle, Albert B. and Eugene E., have since matriculated at Mercer University, Macon, Ga. The latter on the expulsion of his brother sent in his resignation, and it was returned with a written request to amend its phraseology. This he refused to do, and he has been expelled for using language with the purpose of casting odium on the fraternity.

December 1, 1885.

CHAMBERS KELLAR.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

ON the 3d of October last the Ohio Alpha chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was reorganized, through the able efforts of brothers W. E. O'Kane, W. E. Morris and other Phis mentioned in the last number of the SCROLL. Brother Morris was formerly of Indiana Beta, but now affiliated with us.

Since the last issue of the SCROLL, we have initiated three men, so that we now number eleven with brothers M. W. Lewis, Harry Weidner and K. Prugh, all of high standing in college. Brother Prugh is the finest Greek and Latin scholar in the college.

We have decided on a hall, but have not furnished it as yet. President McFarlan is neutral on fraternity matters, so that we shall have no trouble in that way.

We are working hard and shall try to make new Ohio Alpha approach to something of the grandeur of old Ohio Alpha.

November 23, 1885.

WILLIAM CLOUGH.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

WHILE we sorely feel the loss of those failing to return who were with us last year, we have started off with a determination to keep our old time standard.

We have not done as many fraternities are wont to do at the opening of each term—pledge a man before they have thoroughly become acquainted with him, and then, often having just reasons, repent of such rashness; but we have entered each race with our eyes wide open, never permitting a spirit of rivalry for numerical strength to take the place of our better judgment.

Feeling that we have done our duty in these particulars, we take great pleasure in announcing as the fruits of our labor the following new initiates: Guy P. Benton, Charles S. Hoskinson and Elmer E. McCammon.

December 1st, 1885.

W. F. MAIR.

OHIO EPSILON. BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

OHIO EPSILON began the year with eleven enthusiastic Phis. Brother Tucker, after a year's absence, returned this fall. We regret very much the loss of brother Roemer, '89, who is in business in Wheeling, W. Virginia. Neither of the fraternities have made any initiations this fall.

At a recent meeting of the Oratorical Association, the election of local contestants resulted in the choice of brothers Page and Thompson and Messrs. Rothrock ($\Delta T \Delta$) and Magnes (Lone Star). Brother A. A. Stearns, '79, will deliver a lecture in the college chapel on the evening of the 13th.

Of our '85 men, Crissinger is attending the Cincinnati Law School; Emery is in the banking house of F. Schumacher; and brother Schumacher has gone into business with his father. Brothers Stearns and Kelly, both of '79, have formed a law partnership, practising in Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Charles B. Wright, '80, was elected to the chair of English Literature at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. Brother Charles Pleasants, '82, is practising law in Minneapolis, Minn.

November 29, 1885.

A. A. KOHLER.

KENTUCKY ALPHA, CENTRE COLLEGE.

KENTUCKY ALPHA is all enthusiasm over the good work done by brothers Phister and Burnam in establishing another promising chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in Kentucky. Brother F. N. Lee and your reporter were sent to represent our chapter at the initiation.

The prospects of Kentucky Δ are very bright, and we feel that our sister chapter will not fail to fulfill the hopes and the wishes expressed in her behalf by Kentucky A . Being present at the founding of a new chapter is a rare event in the life of a student, and we from Kentucky A enjoyed it to the utmost.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has had another victory at Centre College. In the contest between the two literary societies, held on November 14th, brothers R. S. Dawson, '87, and C. T. Sparks, '89, were among the contestants. Though the opponents of each were Seniors, the Phis, after a desperate effort, won, the former in debate and the latter in declamation.

Since our last report we have initiated two more good men,

James C. Hamilton, of '87, and Scott Hudson, of '89. They are both additions to our chapter of which we are proud.

The *Shield*, our M. S. paper, has again made its appearance and has proved itself quite as instructive (?) and entertaining as ever.

Of the class of '85, M. R. Hubbard is studying law in Louisville, E. D. Martin is studying medicine in Danville, G. E. Wiseman is in business with his father at Danville, and Howard Tebbetts is studying at Harrodsburg.

Kentucky *A* is strong and united.

December 1, 1885.

R. S. DAWSON.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY opened September 3 with a largely increased number of students, and as a result fraternity work has been livelier than usual. We commenced the year with ten members. These, with the assistance of S. G. Ramsay, '84, added five new men. J. W. Fesler, Indiana *A*, also affiliated.

In the October SCROLL the following mistakes appear concerning members of Indiana *A*: Page 35, line 15, Shiels should be Shields; page 35, line 23, Fisher should be Fesler; page 48, line 25, W. H. Holland, T. W. Wilson, Dr. W. H. Hawley and S. G. Ramsay should be credited to Indiana *A*, and not Ohio *Z*.

H. C. Huffstetter, '82, was expelled by the chapter the last term of last year. On account of the absence of the reporter at the time the action was taken, it was not reported last year.

Indiana *A* sends congratulations to Ohio *A*.

November 9, 1885.

B. FESLER.

INDIANA BETA, WABASH COLLEGE.

OUR chapter has been going on in its old established line of duty, maintaining its vigor and faithfulness in devotion to the cause. There has not been very much to disturb the even tenor of our way. The most important event this month was the initiation of brothers Jones and Ashley. These two brothers are very promising and energetic Phis.

After the ceremonies of initiation, our genial toastmaster, brother Willis, announced that an oyster supper was awaiting us. After a very enjoyable evening, with good wishes for the dear old fraternity and determination to work for her, we separated, as merry a band of Phis as could well be found.

We have now a membership of 23. This is the largest number we have had since the present members have been connected

with Indiana B. We are on very good terms with the other fraternities here.

We will soon bring to a close a term full of success, interest, and work, for our chapter is on a firmer foundation than it has been for a long time.

November 30, 1885.

JOHN G. LOVELL.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

THE college year has opened very successfully and Gamma is prosperous. When the term began we had ten men; one in '86, one in '87, six in '88, and two in '89. Brothers Kerlin and Gilcrest, of '88, are wielding the pedagogue's birch, but will return. We sustained a very severe loss about six weeks since, when brother Todd, our only Senior, was called to the bedside of his dying father. He has not yet returned and may not do so. Had he remained, he would have been certain of winning the oratorical contest in the spring, and would have ably represented us on Commencement day. At our last meeting before he left, we had a quiet little "spread," and presented him a badge as a slight token of our regard. Brother O. M. Eliason, of '88, who left college last spring, died of consumption, just before the term began. Brother Leland Sulgrove, '77, of Indianapolis, was killed in October by a freight train.

We have initiated only two men, so far: Otto P. Dillon and George B. Davis, both of '90, and both excellent men. We now number eleven, all good workers. Brother O. M. Pruitt, of '85, is principal of the schools here and meets with us often.

Σ X has taken two men and does not seem to be very active. Two of their number are trying to run a college paper, *The Butler*, with only moderate success. Δ T Δ has quite awakened from her oldtime lethargy and is now our rival, instead of Sigma Chi. There were only four Deltas at first, but they have lately added 8 very fair men, making their chief onslaught on the Philokurian literary society, a non-fraternity stronghold of former days. K A Θ and K K Γ prosper as usual, numbering seven and ten respectively.

November 23, 1885.

H. T. MILLER.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

WE began this year with nine men and have since initiated three, brothers James T. Noe, '87, Edward S. Brown, '90, James V. Deere, '89. In classes we stand as follows: '86, 1; '87, 5; '88, 1; '89, 4; '90, 1.

I may truly say that the men in our chapter are among the best students in college, both in college and literary work. We are represented on the *Collegiate* by C. M. Carter as editor-in-

chief, C. S. McCoy, assistant, and E. J. Stalker as editorial editor. We also hold important offices in the literary society.

The only opposition we have is an anti-fraternity society, which is in excellent condition. *K K I* gave a very pleasant sociable at the residence of the Misses Turner, on Halloween, at which all the Phis were highly entertained.

The members of Indiana Delta wish to thank Miss Emma Turner, through the SCROLL, for the elegant painting presented by her for their new hall. It adds very much to the beauty of our hall.

Of the Phi who were with us last year, brother J. C. Williams is teaching at Elwood, Ind.; brother C. D. Randall is connected with the mail service on the J. M. & I. R. R.; brothers W. G. Olwin and W. A. Halteman are engaged in business in Peoria, Illinois.

November 9, 1885.

HARRY N. GANT.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.*

WITH but little difficulty we have succeeded in adding six new members to our fold, who we consider will reflect credit upon the fraternity wherever they may go. Our new brothers are: Ed. Miles, '90, Friend Brace, '88, Edward Pike McConnell, '89, George Dutton, '89, Loring Trott, '90, David Jaques, '91.

Brother McConnell is from Phi descent, his father being an affiliated Phi Sigma.

A few weeks ago the astonishing news was heard that the chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$ Fraternity at this college was no more. The chapter here becoming dissatisfied with the management of the fraternity, bolted, and are now working under the charter of the old fraternity from which they sprung, the $\Delta \Theta$ (local). This change has been contemplated for some time, but was first announced a few weeks ago. They are now the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Province of $\Delta \Theta$.

For the first time, and I hope it will prove the last, I have to announce that a member of this chapter was found guilty of such conduct as was incompatible with the spirit of this Fraternity. In consequence, Samuel L. Kingau, initiated in the fall of 1884, was expelled from the fraternity at our regular meeting held October, 1885.

On the evening of October 31st, Zeta Chapter met to celebrate its seventh anniversary by music and by feasting. Several of our old members and alumni were present. Brothers Sneider, Miles, Swart and Carney helped to make the occasion a pleasant and

* This report was received too late for classification in No. 2.

profitable one by their reminiscences and witty speeches. The banquet was enjoyed by all and will be held in memory as one of the many pleasant incidents connected with chapter life.

November 7, 1885.

WARD BRIGHAM.

WISCONSIN ALPHA. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

SINCE our last report nothing of importance in chapter life has occurred. We have not, however, been inactive, and in our next report we hope to be able to give the good results of our work—the acquisition of some excellent men. We have an unusually large field to work in this year—the present Freshman class being the largest that ever entered the university. We exercise corresponding caution in our choice of men and pick our way carefully.

Our chapter meetings are a source of great pleasure to the brothers, and our $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ hall is by far the finest furnished fraternity hall in the city.

Allow me to mention one instance of the ability of our men: At "College Rhetoricals"—on which occasion the best literary production of each class for the term is delivered before the university—the Senior and Freshman classes were each represented by a Phi, brother W. H. Hallam, '86, appearing with a masterly oration, and brother George Simpson, '89, delivering a fine declamation.

The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority recently established a chapter here; it starts with eight (8) charter members. This is the third ladies' secret society at the university.

November 23, 1885.

L. R. ANDERSON.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

IN my last report I said that we expected to carry off our share of the honors, and we have already taken some, consisting of the following elections:

W. W. Clendenin for President of Union Literary open session; J. F. Weed for President of Athenaeon open session; R. M. Dooley for Orator of Union Literary open session; W. J. Spillman for Essayist of Union Literary open session, but resigned on account of work.

We have made several excellent initiations since the re-opening of college. The election of contestants for the "Junior Oratorical Contest" for gold medal took place at recent meetings of the literary societies, and three contestants from each of the two societies were elected.

Brother H. R. Williams was elected from the Union Literary Society by over two-thirds vote.

We were somewhat surprised and greatly pleased to meet T. S. Ridge, Missouri A, '84, now province president, in town a few days ago. He is as enthusiastic in the welfare of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and especially of Eta Province, now as he was in that of Missouri A.

We expect no excitement of any kind until after the holidays, when the Junior medal contest takes place, and we rely upon Brother Williams to carry off the honors.

November 11, 1885.

H. W. CLARK.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

As our reporter of last year failed to put in the October SCROLL any report of our successes and honors of June last, I will do so. We took one-half of all the prizes in college, equalling in number the combined trophies of our friends the "Betas" and non-fraternity men. We lost brother L. J. Mitchell by graduation. Brothers Rood, Yantis, Burton and McChesney are teaching, and hence are not with us.

We began this year with eight men. We initiated Matthew Howell Reaser, son of the Potts' Professor of Metaphysics and Sacred Literature, Robert Donnel France and Charles Benjamin France, of St. Joseph, Mo., on the same night. At the initiation were present brothers J. A. McCoy and W. N. Southern, of Independence, Mo., and brothers L. J. Mitchell and J. W. Fincher, of Concord, Mo. After listening to warm and encouraging remarks from these gentlemen, supper was spread. The occasion was highly enjoyable. We have good prospects for a successful year, and hopes for the corresponding welfare of our brothers.

November 10, 1885.

JOHN A. GALLAHER.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

ALL the charter members of Nebraska Alpha were on hand in good season at the beginning of the term, and our work has been fully rewarded. After such thorough investigation of the fraternity system as good men have to make here before they can conscientiously join any chapter, four Freshmen have joined us, notwithstanding much opposition by non-fraternity men. Thus we have not failed to initiate all we have spiked this year. The increase of our number, however, has not so wholly absorbed us as to hinder other work. We have rented a suite of rooms for fraternity purposes, and have taken steps towards furnishing them.

Brother Gates came down from Omaha recently to visit us, and was the occasion of a very pleasant "after-meeting." Each

year's experience endears the fraternity to us, and each advance is a real source of congratulations for us.

November 10, 1885.

JAMES R. FORKE.

MINNESOTA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It would be impossible to tell all there is and all that is hoped for at the University of Minnesota in regard to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Our success has been boundless. Every man whom we have asked to join has either united with us or pledged himself; and that, too, in spite of the most spirited rivalry.

I have to report the withdrawal of two men, E. A. and E. R. McKinney, who were granted an honorable dismissal. Their reasons for withdrawing were that they desired to devote all their time, money and talents to the work of the church.

Six of the best men entering college this year have joined us. The entering class numbers over a hundred students, many of superior worth and ability. It shows the best record of any entering class in the history of the university.

We now number 14; $X \Psi$, 10; $\Delta T \Delta$, 6, and $\Theta \Phi$ (local) an indefinite number.

We have had to fight hard with $X \Psi$. $\Delta T \Delta$ is very weak.

A petition has been circulated among the alumni who reside in the city and sent to the General Council, with about sixteen signers. The alumni frequently come to our meetings. We were much pleased to receive a call the other day from brother Ludlow, '85, of Pennsylvania Alpha, who is traveling through the West in search of a suitable location. He expresses himself as much pleased with our beautiful city, as well as Minnesota Alpha, and has settled down to stay with us during the winter. Brother Ludlow, brother Briggs, '85, Wisconsin Alpha, and brother Morse, '85, Vermont Alpha, all were at our last meeting.

The SCROLL has just arrived, and the reports from other chapters are most gratifying. No Phi can help congratulating himself on the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha.

November 2, 1885.

J. C. E. KING.

PERSONAL.

JACKSONVILLE PHIS.

Phis visiting Jacksonville, Florida, this winter, should bear in mind that the brothers of that city are always glad to meet them, and their stay in Florida will be all the more pleasant on account of meeting Phis resident there. Call on J. M. Barrs or D. U. Fletcher, of Tennessee Alpha, F. C. Watson, of Virginia,

II. W. Clark, of Iowa Alpha, J. C. Munger, of Ohio Zeta, or Alphonso Fritot or Ernest McGinnis, of Kentucky, and you will receive a real Phi welcome that will do you good. * * *

MAINE ALPHA.

'83. Horace Cates is studying medicine at the medical college in Minneapolis.

VERMONT ALPHA.

'80. C. F. B. Haskell is employed in the construction of the new line between St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

'83. C. F. Bailey, soon after commencing his labors as principal of the Rouse's Point, N. Y., high school, was taken ill with the small pox and has not yet recovered.

'83. C. H. Hayden has accepted for another year the principalship of the graded school at Essex Junction.

'83. J. C. Turk has charge of the building of the new iron bridge between North Hero and Alburgh. He is employed by the Hawkins Bridge Co., of Springfield, Mass.

'84. E. A. Barnes, M. D., is practising at Schuyler's Falls, N. Y., in partnership with his father.

'84. H. D. Hoffnagle is employed as principal of the Bee-man Academy at New Haven, Vt.

'85. F. S. Paddock is engaged in Fond du Lac, Wis., putting in a new system of water-works.

'85. C. E. M. Morse is employed in the construction of the new line between St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

'86. F. J. Mills is employed by the United States Coast Survey, and is situated at Machiasport, Me.

'86. E. M. Wilbur is managing editor of the *University Cynic*.

'87. E. C. Morgan is "Science" editor of the *University Cynic*.

NEW YORK DELTA.

'85. John P. Petty is in the insurance business in Cincinnati, Ohio.

'85. Henry L. Hollis is one of the chemists at the North Chicago Rolling Mills.

'86. W. Radford Wharton is United States Deputy Mineral Surveyor and Assayer at French Gulch, Shasta Co., Colorado.

'86. H. Newton Rose is practising law at Rutland, Vt.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

'83. Pond has been appointed assistant in hospital at University of Michigan.

'85. Blystone, formerly of '85, is studying medicine in Chicago.

- '85. Gallup is principal of Brier Hill Schools, Youngstown, Ohio.
'85. Proctor is a professor in St. Charles College, Missouri.
'89. Drake has gone to Cornell, to pursue a course in civil engineering.

VIRGINIA ALPHA,

- '83. W. L. Fink is studying law at his home, Johnstown, Pa.
'84. J. H. Wyse is at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.
'85. F. L. Baker is at Mt. Olive, Va., teaching school.
'85. Lewie Griffith is teaching near his home, Gilbert Hollow, S. C.
'85. H. Hendrix is in business at Leesville, S. C.
'85. Edgar Bowers is teaching near Gerardstown, W. Va., and will return to college next year.
'85. L. E. Schoch attends the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '74. Jas. G. Parkes, of Dawson, Ga., was on the Board of Visitors appointed by the governor this year to visit the university.
'82. Burrus was married last fall. Wynn, Hamilton and Cothsan, of Georgia Alpha, and Gilbert, of Tennessee Alpha, were among those present.
'82. L. C. Adamson is assistant physician at the New York city lunatic asylum, Blackwell's Island.
'82. A. H. Frazer is now with the Columbus (Ga.) Water Works Co.
'84. Edgar F. Hinton delivered the Memorial Address on last Decoration Day in Americus, Ga.
'84. Harry F. Dunwody is practicing law in Brunswick, Ga.
'85. S. W. DeWolf is farming in Chattahoochee county, Ga.
'86. J. M. Briggs is studying dentistry in Baltimore, Md.

ALABAMA BETA.

- '84. D. D. McLeod is professor in the high school at West Point, Ga.
'84. J. B. Robinson, Jr., is studying law at Lebanon, Tenn.
'85. R. H. Thach, Jr., is professor of science and mathematics in Marvin College, Clinton, Ky.
'85. R. E. L. Collier is a civil engineer in Montana Territory.
'86. A. F. Whitfield is in the signal service at Fort Meyer, Va.

'87. E. T. Hollingsworth is attending the commercial college at Poughkeepsie.

'87. W. H. Thomas, Georgia Beta, paid us a pleasant visit recently.

'88. J. T. Brown is in business with his father at Dallas, Tex.

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

'79. Paul Jones is practicing law at 150 Broadway, N. Y.

'81. C. M. Brandon and S. P. Gilbert have formed a law partnership under the name of Gilbert & Brandon at Atlanta, Ga.

'83. John E. Walker has been appointed assistant house physician at the New York State emigrant hospital on Ward's Island, which is the best paid hospital position in the city.

'83. Glenn Andrews is studying medicine at the University Medical School.

OHIO ALPHA.

'53. The following clipping gives intelligence of the sorrow which has come to brother Anderson, in which he has the sympathy of all Phis :

MANHATTAN, KAS., November 22.—Mrs. Nannie F. Anderson, the wife of Hon. Jas. A. Anderson, member of Congress from the Fifth District, died to-day after a protracted illness. Burial will occur in Junction City to-morrow afternoon.

OHIO BETA.

'60. A. P. Collins, a charter member of Ohio Beta, recently wrote a very interesting letter to one of the members of the chapter, giving an account of the fraternity status at O. W. U. in '58-60, and of the facts leading to the establishment of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. He is still a member of the Kansas Legislature. His home address is Solomon City.

'76. Geo. S. Hammond, when last heard from, was engaged in the book business at Detroit, Mich.

'78. Cyrus Huling was this fall elected prosecuting attorney for Franklin, a county which neither party can at present claim, but which returned the right kind of a majority for brother H.

'81. In addition to his work as missionary and position as U. S. consular agent, Rev. Lee W. Squier is now publishing agent of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Japan. His address is 222 Bluff, Yokohama, Japan.

'81. Among the recent alumni of Ohio Beta who are now located in Cincinnati are T. H. McConica, D. D. M. Woodmansee, '81, and Scott Bonham, '82, practicing lawyers, and Geo. W. Ozias, '83, as yet a student.

'83. Rush O. Bigley, after having spent a year in Washington C. H., has returned to Degraff, Ohio, and engaged in business

at that place, having formed a partnership with brother Cretcher, of Ohio Z.

'83. J. M. Guy is attending the Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill. He has been selected by the faculty to deliver a toast to the alumni at the annual banquet, to be held at the Palmer House, February 16th, 1886.

'84. J. E. Brown, '84, Ann Arbor, Mich., Frank L. Brown, '89, Columbus, Ohio, and W. A. Brown, Ohio I, '71, State Centre, Iowa, will be present at a family gathering at their parents' home in Malta, Ohio, on Christmas.

'84. L. S. Lupton is at present attending medical lectures in Columbus, O.

'85. J. W. Benschoten has a real estate office in Toledo, O.

'85. A. B. Murphy is reading law in the office of Jones & Lytle, Delaware, O.

'87. Joseph Clark, Jr., is in business with his father at Lexington, Ky.

'87. W. E. O'Kane, the prime mover in the re-establishment of Ohio Alpha, is in business with his father at Delaware, and is still regular in his attendance at the meetings of the chapter.

'87. R. L. Thomas has gone into the tobacco business at Lenoxburg, Ky.

'88. R. T. M. McCready did not return to college this year, but is reading medicine with his father at Sewickly, Pa.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

'64. Judge W. B. Fleming, of Louisville, Ky., is another Phi who has risen to distinction in the legal fraternity. He was appointed by President Cleveland as Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, a position of honor to any man, and especially so to one not yet 40 years of age. Owing to poor health he resigned after a few months.

'77. Emmet Philips is practising law in Kansas City.

'77. James Rollins Burnam represents Richmond in the Kentucky Legislature.

'79. James Brown Kinnaird, M. D. (College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York), is practising his profession at Lancaster, Ky.

'79. William Simpson Elkin, M. D., is practising in Atlanta, Georgia.

'79. W. C. Read now resides in St. Paul, Minn.

'80. W. T. St Clair is professor of mathematics at the Boys' High School, Louisville, Ky.

'82. W. T. Overstreet finished the course at Princeton Theological Seminary last June and was ordained a Presbyterian minister.

'82. A. G. C. Collins is a member of the law firm of Craig & Collins, Marysville, Mo.

'82. D. N. Marble received the degree of A. M. from Centre College last June. He is the junior partner in the drug firm of J. P. Barnum & Co., Louisville, Ky.

'82. H. P. Grider is teaching at Barboursville, Ky.

'83. R. F. Alderson is in the Merchants' National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.

'83. W. K. Massie is in the Fayette National Bank, Lexington, Ky.

'84. W. E. Knight is attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

'84. F. W. Samuel expects to return to Philadelphia this fall and finish his studies at the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

'85. M. R. Hubbard expects to attend the Louisville Law School during the coming session.

OHIO DELTA.

'84. W. J. Boone and J. W. Griswell ('85) are in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa.

'85. J. M. Leonard attended the School of Hebrew at Morgan Park, Chicago, during the summer, and is now a student in the Northwestern Theological Seminary in the same city.

'85. A. G. Greenlee is a professor in the university, and also studying law in the office of brother J. C. McClarran ('77) of this city.

'85. E. R. Strain has a lucrative position as agent for a medical supply house of Fort Wayne, Ind. He expects to enter the medical department of Boston University next fall.

'87. William Miles is principal of the Edison High School, Edison, Ohio.

'87. George Yates has entered Rush Medical College at Chicago.

'89. B. W. Irvin is a prominent member of the class of '89, McAlaster College, St. Paul, Minn.

INDIANA ALPHA.

'83. Clarence L. Goodwin was married to Miss Haddie A. Kuhns, November 17th, 1885, at Greensburg, Penn.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

'81. Charlie Bamford (law) is a journalist at Chicago, Ill.

'81. W. U. Merriam has been spending the summer and fall on the boundary between Minnesota and Canada in the U. S. Geological Survey. He is now at Madison, Wis.

'81. Daniel McArthur is a practicing physician at LaCrosse, Wis.

'81. H. F. Mason is editor of the *Badger State Banner* at Black River Falls, Wis.

'81. A. J. Grover is in the civil engineering business at Omaha, Neb.

'82. Joseph Hallam is one of the prominent lawyers of Sioux City, Iowa.

'82. O. J. Frost, late assayer of a mining company at Argo, Colorado, is at Johns Hopkins, doing advanced work in his specialty.

'82. D. F. Simpson is practicing law at Minneapolis, Minn.

'83. Leander Hoskins is instructor in civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

'83. J. F. Tourtellotte (law) is practicing in Denver, Colorado.

'84. A. J. Hilbert is travelling salesman for a Milwaukee, Wis., wholesale drug firm.

'84. McClellan Dodge can be found in the office of Dodge's coal and wood yard, Madison, Wis.

'84. Milton Updegraff is assistant astronomer at the Washburn Observatory, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

'84. H. H. Beaser is chief clerk at the Indian office at Ashland, Wis.

'84. L. L. Brown is studying law at Winona, Minn.

'84. Herman Fehr is studying law in the office of Cotzhansen, Sylvester, Scheiber & Sloan, Milwaukee, Wis.

'85. A. G. Briggs is studying law at St. Paul, Minn.

'85. C. L. Allen is reading law in the office of J. F. Ellis, Eau Claire, Wis.

'85. J. C. Gaveney is principal of schools at Independence, Wis.

'85. C. F. Niles is teaching at Monroe, Wis.

'85. W. H. Wasweyler is machinist at the establishment of E. P. Allis & Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

'85. G. A. Buckstaff and J. W. Blakey are studying law at Columbia College.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

'82. G. R. Henderson is now practicing law in Omaha, Neb.

'83. J. S. Snoddy is assistant librarian in Missouri State University.

'83. J. J. Campbell (law) was elected last year to fill position of city attorney for Kansas City, Mo.

'83. R. T. Sloan is now city chemist for Kansas City, Mo.

'84. E. O. Lewis is principal of Verdon school.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

'85. E. J. Churchill is studying law with J. R. Webster, Indiana Beta.

'85. C. G. McMillan attended the meeting of American Scientific Association at Ann Arbor, and was duly elected a member of the same. He is now connected with department of geology in the university.

'85. R. E. Taylor, Michigan Gamma, is in the city, and was present at our initiation.

- '86. G. B. Frankforter is assistant chemist in the university.
- '87. W. F. Bisbee is homesteading at Chadron.
- '88. E. O. Gates is in First National Bank of Omaha.
- '88. C. B. Newcomer is principal of school at Dawson.

IOWA ALPHA.

- '85. Victor E. Coe is in business at Rock Rapids, Lyon county, Iowa.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

'84. Max P. Vander Hock is one of the assistant surgeons in the hospital connected with Washington and Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was graduated at that college last year, and won the first prize for the best English essay on Theory and Practice of Medicine.

'84. Wm. R. Hoag is assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of Minnesota.

'84. Zenas N. Vaughn is professor of Greek at Hauge College, Red Wing, Minn. He was married September 8th, last, to Miss Annie Bonfoy, '84, one of his classmates.

'85. Arthur G. Holt is engineering for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Co., with headquarters in Minneapolis.

'85. James Gray is assistant city editor of the Minneapolis *Daily Tribune*.

'85. Howard A. Abbott is studying law with Jas. D. Springer, general solicitor of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway.

'87. Donald R. Davidson is the junior member of the firm of Forbes & Davidson, attorneys at law, Marshall, Minn.

INITIATES.

NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '89. William Howard Treat, New York, N. Y.

NEW YORK DELTA.

- '86. Brinton Hamdon Miner, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

- '86. John Martin Hamme, York, Pa.
- '87. Oscar Menton Richards, South Easton, Pa.
- '88. Walter Henry Waygood, Albany, N. Y.
- '89. William Leonard Lenhart, Brownsville, Pa.

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA.

- '89. Alexander Stromach, Raleigh, N. C.
- '89. George Washington Bethell, Danville, Va.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA.

- '89. James Edward Curry, Chester, S. C.
- '89. Albert Rhett Nicholson, Edgefield, S. C.

GEORGIA BETA.

- '87. Julian McCamy, Dalton, Ga.
- '88. Arthur Holmes Merry, Berzelia, Ga.
- '89. Joel Thomas Daves, Tyler, Tex.
- '89. John Wesley Gillespie, Harmony Grove, Ga.
- '90. Frank Phillips, Mariana, Fla.

GEORGIA GAMMA.

- '87. William Robert Jennings, Crawfordville, Ga.
- '88. Willie M. Ross, Fort Valley, Ga.
- '88. James W. Overstreet, Sylvania, Ga.
- '88. M. Ben. Campbell, Americus, Ga.
- '88. John W. Ledbetter, Rome, Ga.
- '88. George S. Jones, Jr., Macon, Ga.
- '88. Harry Wyche Thomas, Valdosta, Ga.
- '89. Walter Percy Long, Leesburg, Ga.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

- '86. Edward Lee Pinckard, Opelika, Ala.
- '87. Emmet Lee Smith, Prattville, Ala.
- '87. James Oliver Banks, Eutaw, Ala.
- '87. Milton Washington Carothers, Summerfield, Ala.
- '87. James Carter Wright, Tuskegee, Ala.
- '87. William Pem Lockard, Tuskegee, Ala.
- '87. Dyer Findley Talley, Jefferson Co., Ala.
- '88. James LeRoy Purifoy, Camden, Ala.
- '88. James Edwin Dedman, Selma, Ala.
- '88. Robert P—— Roach, DeSotenville, Ala.

ALABAMA BETA.

- '88. Thaddeus Joseph Partridge, Mobile, Ala.
- '88. Norman R. Weaver, Selma, Ala.
- '88. Henry Lee Brown, Cartersville, Va.
- '89. Robertson Riggs, Selma, Ala.
- '89. Paul Turner Vaughan, Selma, Ala.

TEXAS BETA.

- '86. Osborne Kennedy, Mexia, Texas.
- '88. William Reynolds Edrington, Fort Worth, Texas.

OHIO BETA.

- '87. Walter Elsworth Miller (initiated last spring, but not reported), Waterville, O.
- '88. Elmer Elsworth McCammon, Hopewell, O.
- '88. Guy Potter Benton, Kenton, O.
- '89. Charles Silser Hoskinson, Linnville, O.

KENTUCKY ALPHA.

- '87. James Calhoun Hamilton, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
- '89. Scott Hudson, Bryantsville, Ky.

KENTUCKY DELTA.

- '86. Millard Fillmore Duncan, Grayson, Ky.
- '86. Henry Clay Bedinger, Richwood, Ky.
- '87. Joel Taylor Wade, Campbellsville, Ky.
- '87. Abraham Knobel, Louisville, Ky.
- '88. William Butler Harrison, Lebanon, Ky.
- '88. Edgar Christie Sine, High View, Va.
- '88. John Jordan Crittenden Back, Jackson, Ky.
- '89. Charlie Wilburn Bell, Inman, Tenn.
- '89. Andrew McConnell January, Chicago, Ill.
- '89. John Edwards Park, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- '89. Merritt Earnest Jones, Silver Creek, Ky.

INDIANA ALPHA.

- '89. Charles Ireland, Brownstown, Ind.
- '89. Ulysses Jackson Griffith, Vevay, Ind.
- '89. Frederick Victor Moss, Nobleville, Ind.
- '90. Walter French, Solitude, Ind.
- '90. Frederick Brinton Shields, Bloomington, Ind.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '87. B. B. Beery, Cameron, Mo.
- '87. J. W. Froley, Mt. Vernon, Mo.
- '88. T. M. Jeffords, Naples, Ill.
- '89. E. W. Watson, Columbia, Mo.
- '89. D. S. McGonigle, Edina, Mo.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '89. Clyde Hamilton Bowman, Lincoln, Neb.
- '89. Lucius Almon Chapin, Lincoln, Neb.
- '89. George William Gerwig, Lincoln, Neb.
- '89. Joseph Reynolds McCauce, Lincoln, Neb.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

- '89. George Thomas Simpson, Winona, Minn.
- '89. Robert Curtis Brown, Milwaukee, Wis.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

- '89. Edward M. Spaulding, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. Edwin W. Spottswood, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. Wm. R. Brown, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '89. Chas. A. Savage, St. Paul, Minn.
- '90. Henry G. Richardson, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '90. Martin K. Knauff, St. Paul, Minn.

In Memoriam.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to take from this world Edgar M. North, a former friend and brother, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the Georgia Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta loses one of its most faithful and worthy alumni, and the Fraternity at large one of its most filial and valiant sons.

That society loses one whose character, purpose and talents could but have done good service in elevating life and shaping its conditions to a higher state of happiness and good.

That our loss and our grief be communicated to our brethren everywhere, through the columns of our national organ, the SCROLL.

That a copy of the SCROLL containing this loving tribute to our deceased brother be sent to his bereaved parents.

H. C. CARNEY,	} Committee.
W. P. THOMAS,	
T. E. HOLLINGSWORTH,	

THE Indianapolis Alumni suffered a severe loss in October. One of their brightest young associates met with a violent death. Brother Leland Sulgrove, son of the veteran journalist, Berry R. Sulgrove, lost his life by being crushed between a moving train and a station platform. As a chemist and mathematician he had no superiors among those of his age, twenty-six. For several years he had charge of the chemical laboratory at Butler University. Compelled by broken health to abandon, temporarily, his profession, he yet employed such hours as were allowed by his physicians to the pursuit of the occult truths of mathematics and chemistry. So far as human foresight may determine, there was a bright and distinguished future before him. We, who knew him well, loved him for his modesty, his persistence, his manly integrity, and his many qualities of mind and heart, which are the foundation of the ideal character. The Indiana Gamma and the Indianapolis Alumni were represented at his funeral by appointed delegates, but the hearts of us all, unsolicited, followed his remains to the grave.

In token of our remembrance of our departed friend and brother, we, his associate alumni, through the undersigned, desire thus to make expression of our bereavement.

HILTON U. BROWN.

THE ANNUAL REUNION OF NEW YORK ALPHA ALUMNI.

THE New York Alpha Alumni chapter of Phi Delta Theta held its second annual reunion at d'Orville's, Mills Building, in New York City, on the evening of December 1881, 15.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of Dudley R. Horton, N. Y. *A*, '75, President; Eugene H. L. Randolph, N. Y. *I*, '85, Secretary, and Paul Jones, Tennessee *A*, '79, Reporter.

Aside from the election of officers, the special feature of the occasion was the elegant and elaborate dinner served in d'Orville's best style. The feast was presided over by Rev. J. M. Worrall, Ohio *A*, '53, whose resources, grace and ease of manner make him a prince of toast-masters.

There were forty-one covers, the places being filled by members of the alumni chapter, and delegates from N. Y. *I*, N. Y. *A* and Pennsylvania *A* chapters, and visiting members from various other chapters well distributed throughout the East, the West and the South, there being fourteen chapters, in all, represented. The representation extended from New York to Georgia, southward, and Wisconsin, westward.

During the evening letters were read from Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, Postmaster-General, Wisconsin *A*, '59; Rev. Robert Morrison, Ohio *A*, '49, C. Ph. Bassett, Pennsylvania *A*, '83, offering congratulations, and expressing regrets at their inability to attend the meeting.

Toasts appropriate to the occasion were heartily responded to in behalf of the various chapters by their representatives and delegates present as follows:

Pennsylvania *A*, H. L. Moore, '85, and J. B. Shaw, '85; Tennessee *A*, Paul Jones, '79; Georgia *B*, G. E. Davenport, '84; Indiana *Z*, R. T. Savin, '86; Illinois *E*, W. M. Carr, '84; New York *B*, H. D. Griswold, '85; Pennsylvania *I*, W. Wallace, '84; New York *A*, T. H. Baskerville, '86; Indiana *B*, W. H. Scofield, '85; Wisconsin *A*, G. A. Buckstaff, '85, P. C. Slaughter, '59, and J. W. Blakey, '85; New York *I*, C. A. Downer, '86; Alabama *A*, Glenn Andrews (Tennessee *A*, '83); New York *A*, W. R. Worrall (Kentucky *A*, '79), now President of Alpha Province; "The SCROLL," J. M. Mayer, New York *A*, '86, and E. H. L. Randolph, New York *I*, '85; Georgia *A*, Dr. L. C. Adamson, '82. Others present were F. A. Winslow, '87; F. J. Greene, '87; M. Carnes, '88; E. F. Palmer, '88; S. W. Dunscomb, '88; T. H. Knox, '88; W. H. Treat, '89, of New York *I*; J. D. Berry, '86; B. H. Miner, '86; R. H. Stodder, '86; W. D. Mahaney, '86; L. Wampold, '87; E. P. Callender, '88, and F. G. Zinsser, '89, of New York *A*; J. W. Nute, '82; C.

A. Walker, '83 ; A. A. Bird, '84 ; W. A. Cattell, '84 ; W. L. Lenhart, '89, of Pennsylvania *A* ; J. Hines, Pennsylvania *Γ*, '82,

Withal, the second annual reunion of the New York Alpha Alumni was an enjoyable and enthusiastic affair, surpassing all previous meetings of a similar character held by the Fraternity in the city of New York.

The large representation from the various chapters showed, in the speeches made, the progress of the Fraternity, and its healthy and prosperous condition throughout the country.

PAUL JONES, *Reporter*.

NOTE.

WE have been compelled to hold over many letters and contributions received after December 1, for No. 4, and to omit the Directory, owing to limited space.

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THE CRISIS OF 1851.

III.

To complete the history of the case, the word for word papers of McNutt and Childs are here given, so that every reader of these sections can have the case in full before him, and judge understandingly for himself.

The first is from McNutt, and is as follows :

“ OXFORD, April 8, 1852.

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ SOCIETY :

“ WHEREAS, On the 30th day of October, 1851, I, Joseph G. McNutt, was arraigned before your Society on charge of violating the Bond of said Society ; and,

“ *Whereas*. Through mutual misunderstanding and misrepresentation of my views and desires by my agent then employed ; and,

“ *Whereas*, Under the circumstances, I do consider that the trial then and there had was not such an one as would best secure the ends of justice, therefore,

“ I do hereby petition your honorable body to grant me a new trial. Your petitioner has long deeply deplored the unfortunate circumstances which led to his separation from you, and has always been most desirous to effect some amicable and satisfactory adjustment of difficulties. On account of the ill-feeling which was, for a long time, felt towards you by your petitioner, and the cordial reciprocation of the same feeling by yourselves, such an arrangement was, on your part, undesirable, and on both impracticable. These differences have been happily removed, and the time has now come when your petitioner can expect to be heard in his defence, and hope for satisfactory settlement of every difficulty.

“ The action providing for the expulsion of your petitioner, although not intentionally so, was undoubtedly hasty, owing, no doubt, to the ill-management of the defence. The act of the

agent of your petitioner, by which he urged the absolute necessity of your signing the Bond then and there presented, was not in accordance with the instructions of your petitioner, and by him is entirely repudiated. Your petitioner sinned in ignorance ; he was never aware until the time of his arraignment that the act for which he was arraigned was such an one as called for action by the Society, or which was intended in the Bond. Had your petitioner so known, he would not so have done. The fact that the same act had been done by other and older members of the Society time and again, and that without arraignment, led your petitioner to suppose the Bond of the Society did not include such offences. What your petitioner now desires is this : That you grant him a new trial, and if the decision should be in his favor, that you then allow him to withdraw.

“The reasons of your petitioner for requesting a privilege to withdraw are as follows :

“Your petitioner, although not a member of any society which would prevent him from becoming a member of any other, is, nevertheless, under promise to a society—which society is not the Alpha Delta Phi—that should he connect himself with any association, that association shall be theirs. At the present time your petitioner has no thought of becoming a member of said society, but he holds himself bound to connect himself with said society, if with any. For this your petitioner is sorry ; for if such a thing could have been by any means effected, your petitioner would have gladly returned into your Society and shared its benefits. There are those of your Society whom your petitioner cherishes as good friends, and although he has at times nurtured and frequently expressed hostility to them, he has now seen the injustice of the suspicions that caused such enmity, and now is and ever shall be a firm, devoted friend. The fact of your petitioner having been expelled from your body will always prove an impediment to his connection with any other—indeed, it has proved so already. Your petitioner has refused good offers, being unwilling to connect himself with any other society while such action remains valid. Your petitioner now prays that you will grant him a new trial, while all is calm, and the ends of justice can be secured, and that then, provided the trial is in his favor, he may be (without attending any secret meetings of the Society) permitted to withdraw. If such a request be granted, your petitioner is willing to give to your body any assurances that all proceedings shall be ever held as secret, and the same friendly feeling which now exists shall always so remain. But whether you grant the prayer or not, your petitioner will always be pleased to see your success, and shall never willingly or intentionally do anything to the injury of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Society.

“Respectfully yours,

“JOSEPH G. McNUTT.”

Five days later, the following communication was received by the Society :

“ OXFORD, April 13, 1852.

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ SOCIETY :

“ WHEREAS, On the 30th day of October, 1851, I, James H. Childs, was arraigned before your Society on charge of violating the Bond of said Society ; and,

“ *Whereas*, Through mutual misunderstanding and misrepresentation of my views and desires by my agent then employed ; and,

“ *Whereas*, Under the circumstances, I do consider that the trial then and there had, was not such an one as would best secure the ends of justice, therefore, I do hereby petition your honorable body to grant me a new trial, for the following reasons :

“ 1st. That in accordance with the regulations of the Bond of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, it was made the duty of the members of the Society to consult and advise with each other in regard to their true interests, and that your petitioner does not believe that this duty was adequately performed by them, but that proceedings were instituted against him without due notice or counsel.

“ 2d. That your petitioner believes from recent explanations that he misunderstood the motives and intentions of the Society in commencing and prosecuting his arraignment, and further believes that his agent at that time misunderstood and misrepresented his intentions on the trial.

“ 3d. That your petitioner believes that the decision then given does not in the best manner secure the ends of justice ; that while it is admitted that a continued and flagrant violation of the Bond of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, coupled with a contumacious disregard of the counsels and authority of the Society, would furnish sufficient cause for dismission, yet your petitioner believes that he did not so offend ; and that farther, he believes that it unnecessarily affects his good name, and will prevent his connecting himself with any other society of like grade on such terms as he would wish—results which your petitioner believes your Society does not desire.

“ 4th. Your petitioner desires to frankly explain the reasons which induce him at this time to ask you to reverse your decision. He has been led to believe, in consideration of the mutual explanations that have taken place, that his feelings and intentions at the time of the trial are now more favorably regarded, and while he, under other circumstances, would be gratified to be able to return and enjoy again the benefits of your Society, he is now under the obligation of a promise made to another—and he particularly desires that such a review of your decision as you may see proper to make should be had before he connects himself with it.

"The favor which your petitioner now asks is one which, while the granting of it can have no evil effect upon your Society, will have the greatest effect upon the well-being of your petitioner, for should he—your decision standing, as it now does, upon your minutes—ever hereafter return to Oxford, or visit any place where your Society may be established, and when such decision, but not the facts of the case, may be known, he will be looked upon by members of your Society as one who is criminal and unworthy of all respect, and as such will be treated. This your petitioner cannot but think to be a result of which your" (Society?) "are not desirous.

"Your petitioner feels, as he has above said, very sorry that he is unable to return into your Society and take part with those for whom he holds, and with the exception of a short interval on the part of some, always has held, feelings of the greatest friendship and esteem; and did he think that by becoming connected with another society he would lose any part of the friendship of many of your members, he would utterly refuse to become so connected, but he thinks that this will not result; that it is possible for the best of friends to be members of different societies, and that such societies need not necessarily be opposed to each other.

"With whatever society your petitioner may be connected, however, he will never at any time do anything to injure your Society, with which so many of his most pleasant reminiscences are identified. He believes every member—as far as his knowledge of them goes—to hold towards him feelings of personal friendship, as he certainly does toward them.

"Hoping that you may see fit to grant his petition, he remains with all good wishes for your prosperity and success,

"Yours respectfully,

"JAMES H. CHILDS."

At a meeting of the Society, on the 13th of April, 1852, these communications were presented, and though McNutt's paper contained reflections on the Society and objectionable phraseology, both were received, both requests were granted, and the 20th of April next set as the time for the trial. It is worthy of remark that the same meeting that agreed to a new trial for these gentlemen, granted a petition for a new chapter of the Order in Miami University, so great had been the prosperity of the Society in the six months after the loss of the five men above referred to.

The time for trial came, there was a full attendance, though the Beta swarm had gone off. The case was called, and J. M. M. Wilson appeared for Childs, and Harrison for McNutt.

Both Childs and McNutt took pains to strongly repudiate the work of their attorney in their former trial, while they were thus getting ready to go with him as a brother charter member of

another fraternity. Childs denied emphatically that Denny had ever talked with him, as Denny claimed he had done in the previous trial.

After the trial was ended, the vote of the Society on the case was called, and resulted as follows :

To remove the sentence of expulsion—*Yeas* : Swing, Ross, Anderson, Holmes, McLean and Harrison. *Nays* : Boude, Brown, Carson, Hutchinson and Lane.

A close vote, and one of the yeas was counsel of one of the parties.

A committee, consisting of Willson, Ross and Harrison, was appointed to express the intent of the Society by this vote. Their report, subsequently presented, was adopted, and is as follows :

REPORT.

1. *Resolved*, That the Society reaffirms its action in the case of Messrs. Childs and McNutt, on the 30th day of October, 1851, as under the then existing circumstances, just and righteous.

2. That in view of the considerations urged by the gentlemen in their positions to this Society—in the belief that the ends of justice have been attained—with the assurance that the action of the Society in the case was impelled by a sense of duty, the resolution of the Society passed October 30, 1851—that the names of James H. Childs and Joseph G. McNutt be stricken from the roll of the Society—be and hereby is rescinded.

3. That at their request, Messrs. Childs and McNutt are permitted to withdraw from the Society.

4. That the good feelings professed by the gentlemen in their communication to the Society are cordially reciprocated.

J. M. M. WILLSON,	} Committee.
LEWIS W. ROSS,	
BENJAMIN HARRISON,	

My work in this matter is done. The case is submitted to all fair-minded readers of the SCROLL, whether inside the mystic circle of the Fraternity or not, with confidence that a righteous verdict will be given, and no other is expected or desired by

ROBERT MORRISON.

THE TEXAS STATE CONVENTION.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND PHI DELTA THETA STATE CONVENTION,
HELD AT AUSTIN, TEX., NOVEMBER 15, 1885.

PURSUANT to a call of the Executive Committee, the second State Convention of Texas met at Austin, November 15th. The Convention was called to order in the Knights of Pythias Hall (Texas Beta Chapter-room), by brother Drew Fruit, of Ft. Worth, President.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to present order of business for the Convention, and to draft by-laws for its government :

Brothers Hawthorne, of Austin ; Onsley, of Waxahachie ; Raymond and Bradshaw, of Austin ; supplemented by the chair, brother Pruitt.

After adopting the order of business recommended, the committee was granted further time to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

The Grand Treasurer made a report, estimating the expenses of this convention at \$100. On motion, the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee, consisting of brothers Bryant, Smith and Hawthorne.

Brother Terrell, of Dallas, moved that Austin be the place of holding the next convention. Motion was carried unanimously.

Brother Hawthorne, of Austin, moved the next convention be held in June, 1887. Brother Bryant, of Austin, amended to June, 1886. Amendment was carried.

Brother Bradshaw, of Austin, offered to amend the original motion, by substituting "annually," instead of bi-ennially. The amendment was carried, with a further amendment that the time be the day after the University Commencement.

On motion of brother Pessels, the convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 2 P. M., by the president.

Brother Hotchkiss, of Austin, moved that one hundred and fifty copies of the SCROLL, containing these proceedings, be purchased by the convention. Brother Mayes, of Brownwood, as an amendment, that as many be purchased as the secretary thought necessary. Amendment carried.

Brother Onsley, of Waxahachie, moved that we establish a query box, in which any one might place questions he wished answered concerning the fraternity, and that some one be appointed to discuss these questions at the next convention. Motion carried.

The following questions were propounded : "The propriety of holding a general convention of all the Greek Fraternities in the United States?" "The propriety of building a chapter hall at the University of Texas?" "The propriety of the extension of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in Texas?"

It being declared by the President that nominations for officers of the ensuing year were in order, brother Bryant, of Austin, and brother Onsley, of Waxahachie, were put in nomination for President. Brother Onsley was elected.

On motion, brother Bryant was unanimously elected Vice-President.

For Grand Secretary, the names of brothers Hawthorne and Smith, of Austin, and brother Mayes, of Brownwood, were placed in nomination. Brother Smith was elected.

Brother D. H. Hotchkiss, of Austin, was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer.

The President declared the next business to be the election of Speakers for the third State Convention, June 16, 1886.

Brother Bryant moved we elect three speakers. Brother Smith amended by adding a poet. Amendment and motion carried.

Nominations being declared in order, brothers P. W. Gardener, of Gainesville, and C. J. Bradshaw, of Austin, were nominated for Orator. Brother Gardener was elected.

For Historian, brother I. R. Dean, of Huntsville, was unanimously elected.

Brother W. H. Mayes, of Brownwood, was elected Prophet.

Brother Pessels nominated brother A. Gwynn Foster, of El Paso, as Poet. Brother Foster was elected by acclamation.

Brother Mayes moved to reconsider the appointment of the committee to draft by-laws. Motion carried.

Brother Hawthorne, of Austin, offered the following :

"*Resolved*, That this convention ask of brother C. N. Onsley, permission to have published in the SCROLL the prophecy delivered by him at the public exercises of this convention ; and, furthermore, be it

"*Resolved*, That in the event the SCROLL declines publishing the said address, this convention have the same published in pamphlet form for distribution."

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Brother Mayes further moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to frame the constitution and by-laws for the convention, and report the same to the next convention. Carried.

Brother Hawthorne moved that an Assistant Grand Secretary be elected and added to the Executive Committee. Motion adopted.

Brother Bryant nominated brother J. C. Terrell, Jr., of Dallas, who was unanimously elected.

Brother Hotchkiss moved that two members be appointed by the Executive Committee, to discuss, at the next convention, the question. "Whether there was any advantage to be derived from the extension of $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ in Texas?" Carried.

There being no further business, on motion of brother Green the convention adjourned until June 16, 1886.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH, *Grand Secretary*.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET.

A FEW words as to our Convention Banquet, may not be inappropriate. The newspaper representatives pronounced it the most elaborate affair of the kind ever seen in Austin. But we

must make allowances for the newspaper men. They dote on hyperbole, and always try to please.

We assembled in our chapter hall and spent an hour in hearing old college yarns. Old Phi warriors, with their swords dulled by time, but their hearts warm as ever, told of how "boldly they fought, and well," in the days gone by.

At 9.30 we proceeded to Simon's Restaurant, where the repast was spread. A large table, extending the length of the hall, was crowded with the Phis and their guests. The seven fraternities at the university were represented as follows: $\Sigma A E$, Mr. Easley; $K \Sigma$, Mr. Astin; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, Mr. Wm. Sleicher; $B \Theta II$, Mr. C. H. Miller; $K A$, Mr. A. L. Jackson; Rainbow, Mr. R. W. Hall.

The supper was all that could be expected. Everybody praised it and did it full justice.

Brother Drew Pruitt was toastmaster. The following toasts were responded to: The Texas University, by brother J. M. Green; Our Visiting Brethren, by brother J. C. Terrell, Jr.; The Ladies, by brother R. W. Smith; The Austin Bar, by brother A. H. Graham; Texas Beta—Her Individuality, by brother C. J. Bradshaw; The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, by brother W. H. Mayes; The Second State Convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, by brother J. H. Bryant; Our Sister Fraternities, by Mr. C. H. Miller, of $B \Theta II$; The Young Ladies of the University, by brother P. A. Hawthorne; The Barbarians, by brother C. N. Onsley; The Press, by Mr. Ennis, of the *Galveston News*; Austin City, by Mr. T. W. Gregory, of the *Austin Statesman*. The responses were both eloquent and witty, as the occasion demanded. All went merry as a marriage bell. At a late hour the company dispersed, all pleased and happy.

Taking it all in all, the convention was a great success. It aroused all the enthusiasm of the young Texan Phis, and re-kindled that of their older brethren. It has placed fraternities on a firmer basis in the university, if that were possible. It has shown our alumni brethren scattered throughout the State, a hundred and fifty in number, that true Phis still keep the fire burning on the altar, and that here they can make yearly pilgrimages and meet brothers.

To our Texan brethren who were unable to be with us, we extend our regrets, and to them and every other Phi we extend a cordial invitation to be with us at our next convention in Austin, June 16th, 1886.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION.

THE first State Convention was held on the evening of October 11th, 1885, and the organization of a State Association was begun with the following officers: President, Dr. J. O. Wilhite, Ander-

son, S. C.; 1st Vice-President, F. H. Hendrix, Leesville, S. C.; 2d Vice-President, Dr. J. S. Garner, Darlington, S. C.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. W. Ball, Columbia, S. C.; Warden, J. E. Curry, Columbia, S. C. An Executive Committee of five active members of South Carolina Beta was appointed to transact the business of the Convention until its next meeting.

The convention was well attended by the alumni residing in the State and we are assured of its future success. The chapters represented were Virginia Alpha, Georgia Beta, South Carolina Alpha and Beta.

W. W. BALL.

EDITORIAL.

It is with sincere pleasure that we announce the appointment of brother William R. Worrall, Kentucky A, '79, to the Presidency of Alpha Province. Brother Worrall brings into his work the experience of nearly ten years' service in Phi ranks. His management of Province matters will be systematic and energetic.

ONE of the first enterprises of the new President of Alpha Province has been to take steps toward a Province Convention, to be held in New York on Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13. A convention has been highly necessary for the last two years, and is more so now than ever. It is mandatory that the work of the Province be systematized, and that plans and methods of internal government be discussed. Many questions of the utmost importance will come before the Convention, and call for careful consideration. The time is happily chosen, and the expense has been placed at the lowest figures. We look for a large delegation from all the chapters, and particularly from those near New York. Each chapter, individually, should answer all correspondence promptly, and feel that it must co-operate in the undertaking, and by earnest efforts on all sides success will be assured.

WE notice, with much delight, the very marked progress of alumni interest, as evidenced by numerous occasions of late occurrence. The organization of the Kansas City and Minneapolis alumni, the brilliant banquet of the New York Alumni, the unbounded success of the Texas State Convention, the form-

ing of the South Carolina State Association, the prospective Alpha Province Convention, and the proposed meeting of the Chicago alumni, show an activity and enthusiasm that is as remarkable as it is gratifying. On the lists of these organizations are the names of men representing many different chapters—a proof of the extensive field of the associations. These are signs of energy and enterprise, which clearly show more than ever the rapid advances of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and the broad extent of her work is but another proof of her growing nationality.

BROTHER MORRISON concludes, in this number, the series of articles contributed on "The Crisis of 1851." There can be but one conclusion upon the questions at issue, and we thank brother Morrison for so kindly writing, as he has, such a detailed and clear statement of the facts under discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE EDITORS OF THE SONG BOOK.

THE undersigned now constitute the committee having in charge the publication of a new Song Book, two members of the original committee appointed at the Nashville Convention having resigned, and the second named below having been appointed by the General Council to fill the vacancy. The work of the entire committee having devolved upon one man, progress in the matter has necessarily been very slow. The committee, however, is now prepared to push the matter with vigor; but success cannot be assured without the co-operation of the chapters and individuals appealed to.

That most desired is new and original songs set to new and original music, and old Phi songs set to new airs. New songs set to old airs will also, if highly meritorious, be very acceptable. The committee is amply supplied with songs set to the airs of "Home, Sweet Home," "Auld Lang Syne," "Son of a Gambolier," and others equally time-worn. The committee must urgently insist, as an invaluable assistance in their labor, upon the prompt reply to correspondence addressed to chapters and individuals.

FRANK D. SWOPE,
EUGENE H. L. RANDOLPH.

MANUAL OF PHI DELTA THETA.

By the departure of brother Palmer for Europe, the progress of the work on the Manual has been somewhat delayed. However, we shall be enabled to publish at an early date, if reporters will send us the aid asked for. Many have not yet answered the circulars sent them, and we have depended upon their prompt attention. Further, 300 subscriptions must be received, or we cannot publish. Our only purpose is to supply a much needed pamphlet to our active workers. We have no desire to make a personal profit, and shall be well satisfied if there are enough subscriptions to enable us to take the risk. We acknowledge, among others, letters from brothers Olwin, Cone, Goodale and Pessels, and Mr. Matson, *Δ T Δ*, and thank them for their kindness. As yet, but 38 are on the subscription list.

J. M. MAYER.

PERSONAL.

BROTHER PALMER, together with brothers Goodpasture, Campbell and Jackson, of Tennessee Alpha, has gone on a three months trip to Europe, and desires the indulgence of his many correspondents for unanswered letters.

FROM THE EDITORS.

COPY for the February number should be received by February 2. We repeat our request for systematically arranged reports and lists. The many friends of brother Randolph will be glad to know that he is steadily recovering from his serious illness.

J. M. MAYER.

TO CHICAGO PHIS.

At a meeting of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, soon to be held, it is desired to have present, as nearly as possible, every resident Phi of Chicago, and to accomplish this we must learn their names and address. Will all the brothers who know of Phis in Chicago send their names and address to T. H. Simmons, Room 47, 115 Monroe Street, Chicago, Ill.

T. H. SIMMONS.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

WE regret very much that we were not represented by a chapter report in the last SCROLL, for we consider the monthly report very important in fraternity life. The work of the chapter during the last term has been the best of any since its founding. Although the chapter lost two of its best men this year, brothers Pendleton and Shelton, both being obliged to leave on account of poor health, yet the other members have seemed to work with renewed vigor. The other fraternities have all done their usual amount of work, and still show a friendly feeling.

We learn that brother Pendleton, formerly of '87, has gone to California. An unusual number of Phis are acting the pedagogue this winter—seven in all.

Brother Nelson, '89, has been elected class poet. The *Aegis*, '87, our annual, has made its appearance, and we would be pleased to exchange with all chapters. Any who may desire to exchange annuals will please address the undersigned.

January 2, 1886.

GEO. W. SHAW.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

SINCE our last report we have initiated brother Morgan, '89, who entered college the last of the term. Brother Turk, '83, was present at our last meeting. Brother Brooks, '87, took his leave, at the close of last term, for Geneva, Nebraska, where he has a good position with the B. & M. R. R. R. We enjoyed a pleasant visit from brother Schumacher, Ohio E, a short time since.

It is reported that a new fraternity is to establish a chapter here. The number of barbarians is increasing yearly, and without doubt such a movement would be successful, and yet would meet with not a few difficulties. Upon the whole, we would be glad to see the chapter established.

Our winter term opens January 7th, when we shall enter upon our work with 27 men. Brother Gilbert, '89, who is teaching, will return later in the term.

January 2, 1886.

F. H. CLAPP.

NEW YORK GAMMA, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE events of the past month have been of such a character as to realize the hopes expressed in a previous letter. The joint debate between the two literary societies resulted in a victory for

brother Shiels, the only fraternity man who took part. On the same occasion brother Schoonmaker delivered his declamation with such effect as to attract general remark. On the same day the chairmanship of the *Microcosm* (the C. C. N. Y. annual) was given to a Phi. The *Microcosm* will this year be published by $\Delta \Delta \Phi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, the remaining two fraternities, $\Delta K E$ and $\Theta \Delta X$, having refused to agree with a majority of the board. The defection of $\Theta \Delta X$ is not a matter of regret, as the chapter here is in a very low condition, and although the action of $\Delta K E$ is to be regretted, the fact that it is due to the unauthorized action of its representative and is privately opposed by some of its members, is an index of the true position of the present publishing board.

On the 29th inst. the board of editors of the *College Mercury* was increased by the addition of brother Carnes and another gentleman, who will be initiated at the next meeting. These two, with brother Winslow, already an editor, form exactly half the full number of editors.

The choice of brother Worrall (Kentucky Δ), by the General Council for Province President, is a source of great satisfaction to this chapter, and the wisdom of the choice is shown by the fact that he is making arrangements for the first Alpha Province Convention, to be held in this city during February next.

The second annual banquet of the Phis of New York was well attended by the members of New York Γ , and the pleasures of the month have been further increased by visits from brothers Stearns (Historian G. C.), Ohio E ; Campbell, Goodpasture, Jackson, and Palmer, Tennessee A ; Carr, of Illinois E , and Wallace and McClelland, of Pennsylvania Γ .

We have six men pledged—at least two of whom will be initiated during the coming term.

December 31, 1885.

ALBERT SHIELS.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

THOSE members of Delta who remained in town enjoyed many pleasant hours at the rooms. Everything has been made so comfortable, and the location is so convenient, that some one is sure to be at the rooms at any time up to midnight. The consequence is that the men are thrown much together, and do not see each other merely on the weekly meeting night.

We had many visitors during the Christmas week—brothers Palmer, Campbell, Jackson, and Goodpasture, of Tennessee A ; Stearns, Historian G. C., Carr, Illinois E ; Shaw, Pennsylvania A ; Horton, New York A ; Worrall, Province President; Wallace and McClelland, Pennsylvania Γ . Preparations have already begun for the Province Convention.

January 2, 1886.

E. P. CALLENDER.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA has no new accessions to report, but pursues the quiet tenor of her way. Three of us have been chosen by Phrenokosmian Society to represent her in the bi-ennial exercises to take place February 22d. This is always an occasion of interest. The exercises consist of six orations, interspersed with music.

Gettysburg, historically renowned, is being more and more every year visited by strangers from all parts of our country ; and, as the number of visitors increases, so seems to increase the number of students in our college, and likewise we hope to increase our interest and love in Pennsylvania Beta.

Dec. 20, 1885.

T. L. CROUSE.

BETA PROVINCE.

VIRGINIA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

SINCE our last report we have met regularly, and are now well organized and doing good work.

Our chapter takes great pleasure in introducing Fielding P. Miles, of Goochland, Va., and Fielding L. Taylor, of Richmond, Va. F. P. Miles is a brother of our honored Phi, G. W. Miles, who was a member of the Virginia Beta for several years.

We are now ten in number—*i. e.*, J. H. Moss, J. D. Fletcher, George Petrie, F. P. Miles, J. H. Moore, F. T. Loftin, M. A. Morrison, F. L. Taylor, C. H. Jones and H. Hardaway. Everything moves along smoothly and pleasantly to us all. We are prepared and expect to spend this session with great profit. From the present outlook everything will continue as serene as a May day.

After our first meeting we adjourned to a well loaded table, and there amidst congenial chat the moments swiftly sped away. When the hour of parting came sweet strains of Phi music, borne on the midnight zephyrs, long linked us together, till in the distance the last chords faded into silence.

December 8, 1885.

H. HARDAWAY.

VIRGINIA DELTA, RICHMOND COLLEGE.

VIRGINIA DELTA has not as good a report to make as she could wish. Several members unexpectedly failed to return, and brother O. L. Stearnes and myself are the only ones left. Not only have we been unfortunate in being so few in numbers, but the fraternity material this year has been, we think, inferior to

what it usually is. The number of fraternities represented here has in three years increased from three, with a membership of about twenty-five, to eight, with a membership of nearly half the enrolled students of the college.

We remember very well our first session here ; what an honor it was considered to be asked to join any of our fraternities ! In contrast to the old state of things, fresh accessions appear almost daily, which, by virtue of their frequency, produce hardly a ripple of comment. Indeed, we have heard it remarked by several members of our best fraternities that the honor attached to belonging to a fraternity here has in a great measure passed away. Some of our members of last year expect to return next, when we hope under more favorable conditions our chapter will regain its old time prosperity.

December 5, 1885.

WM. H. LYONS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

WITHIN the past month Georgia Alpha has lost two members, brothers Fanning Potts and J. W. Cox, by their withdrawal from college, and gained one member by initiation. Brother Potts was compelled to return to his home in Atlanta on account of his health, and brother Cox, of La Grange, left college to engage in the practice of law with his brother in Atlanta. Brother Cox graduated in the law class of '85, and was this year pursuing an elective course. Brother E. E. Kimbrough, recently with Tennessee Alpha, is now in business in this city, and sometimes adds to the pleasure of our meetings by his presence.

On the afternoon of November 20th the Senior class planted its class-tree. The exercises were pronounced far better than any similar exercises that have ever occurred here. The present Senior class is the largest the university has had in many years ; it has forty-nine members. Of these forty-nine, forty are fraternity men. It may be interesting to know that, while the members of our fraternity are elsewhere known as *Phis*, here they are generally called *Thetas*. It is quite probable that the fraternities here will soon decide to issue an annual some time during the year.

December 11, 1885.

JAS. J. GILBERT.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

On the eve of December 4th, Mississippi A gave a banquet at the Mackie House. We extended an invitation to one member of each fraternity represented in this college. All the toasts were

responded to excellently. Much is due to our "sister" Phis. One of their many beautiful pieces of handiwork was a Phi Delta Theta badge, made of the choicest roses and geraniums, which was suspended in the banquet hall. The jewels of our badge were represented by roses, red and white alternating, inlaid in the border. The scroll was represented by a solid cluster of pure white roses in the centre—with the letters $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ interwoven with red and white roses and geraniums. The dagger was made of roses, geraniums and ivy, and I must say that it was most artistically made. The banquet was set in the shape of a dagger, which added much beauty to the occasion, and everything connected with it was a complete success. All present seemed to enjoy themselves most heartily. After the banquet we adjourned to the dancing parlors.

Our brother, S. F. Hampton, '84, acquitted himself very eloquently in delivering a toast to "The Guests," in behalf of the grand old $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and we are proud to know that we have in him a whole-souled Phi. Our brother J. W. Yates, '87, delivered a toast to "The Ladies," in behalf of our Mississippi Alpha Chapter. In addition were the following toasts: Mr. W. H. Maybin, "Our Hosts;" Mr. Whilis, "The Ladies of $\Delta \Gamma$ and $A B T$." Our banquet was undoubtedly the grandest ever given here and will be remembered for many a day.

December 5, 1885.

JOHN M. OLIVER.

TEXAS BETA, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

OUR State Convention was eminently a success. Great enthusiasm was aroused and much good done. We of Beta liked the idea so much that we proposed to have one every year, immediately after Commencement.

The public literary exercises of the convention were held the evening preceding the 15th, in the State capitol. The large hall was full. There were present the élite of the city and the cream of the university. Most of the professors honored us with their presence. At eight o'clock the Phi phalanx marched in. Verily, it was a goodly sight, and one long to be remembered. The exercises of the evening were opened by Dr. A. E. Goodwyn, of Austin, with prayer. The address of welcome was delivered by brother P. A. Hawthorne, of Texas Beta. Brother Drew Pruitt, of Fort Worth, on behalf of the visiting members, thanked the chapter for their cordial reception. He bespoke a bright future for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ in Texas.

Brother A. H. Graham, of Austin (Georgia A , '74), the orator of the evening, delivered an eloquent address on "The Spirit and Tendency of the Times." The oration was warmly ap-

plauded, and competent judges pronounced it the best heard in Austin for some time.

Brother J. H. Bryant, of Austin (Tennessee A, '80), was the historian. Brother C. N. Onsley, of Waxahachie, delivered the prophecy.

We think we do not exaggerate in saying it was the most enjoyable event of the kind ever seen in Austin. Its benefits will be lasting.

R. WAVERLEY SMITH.

Since writing my last letter Texas Beta has received a large addition to its ranks, and has regained the front rank among chapters in the University of Texas. Those readers of the SCROLL who have kept abreast of fraternity news are aware that for the last year or more rumors of the consolidation of W. W. W. (Rainbows) and Delta Tau Delta have been circulated. Several chapters of W. W. W. refused to enter Delta Tau Delta. Among these was the D. V. chapter of the University of Texas. The members of D. V. chapter surrendered their charter, and being no longer Romans, were anxious to become Greeks. They solicited admission into Phi Delta Theta, and as they numbered some of the best and most prominent students of the university, were duly admitted and initiated. The following are the whilom Rainbows, now true and loyal Phis: Goodrich, '86; Lenox, Templeton, Hall, Gilson, Lee, '87.

At the same time we initiated Robert Burns Halley, '88, of Salado, Texas.

Brothers Lenox, Hall and Halley are on the editorial staff of the *Texas University*, our new journal, thus giving the Phis a larger representation on the journal than any other fraternity.

At the last meeting, held just prior to the Christmas holiday, Franz Fiset, '86, of Austin, Texas, was initiated. Brother Fiset is taking both courses in law, and will be one of our graduates next Commencement. He is a native of Germany, but in his two years residence in this country has thoroughly mastered the language.

The students are already returning to their studies, and with renewed energy after their Christmas pleasures.

December 31, 1885.

CONSTANCE PESSELS.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

BROTHERS Rusk, Mayo, Garrod, Townsend and myself have spent a large portion of our vacation in fixing up our new hall, and hope to surprise our brother Phis, on their return after the holidays, by its improved appearance.

We have decided to have literary exercises extempore, from which we may learn a good deal and not have to make preparation. Our college building has been undergoing repairs, during which we have occupied the dormitories. The college is being nicely fitted up. The heating apparatus has just been put in and the frescoers have begun work, so that we will return to the building in a few weeks. Prof. Sterret, who has been in Athens, Greece, for the past twelve years, and understands both ancient and modern Greek, has been elected to fill that chair. We have not been "spiking" much lately, but have under consideration one or two men. It is not very hard to get the men we wish, as there is not much opposition yet, hence things are not very exciting. The *B Θ II* were talking of organizing, but we have not heard much about it lately. Ohio Alpha returns thanks to Indiana Alpha for her kindly wishes.

January 1st, 1886.

W. E. CLOUGH.

OHIO DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

In these, the closing, days of the term, we can look over our work and say that it has been very fair. We have had our victories and defeats. In the former we rejoice, and in the latter we have experiments in human nature which, at present writing, are abundantly satisfactory to us. Our new men, four in number, are proving themselves excellent Phis. Our special pride is the good reputation of all our men, and the harmonious and earnest character of our internal work.

In the October number of the *Sigma Chi*, Mr. Kellog, reporter from Wooster, kindly mentions us as "Our strongest rival." We beg to return the compliment, and would add that the gentleman stretched the point when he included "all" as victims in their late victory. We were the "single exception."

At the recent election of inter-society contestants, four of our men were elected. Brother T. G. Anderson's, '86, poem, "Al-leonia, Star of the Morning," published in the *Wooster Collegian*, has received many favorable comments. Brother W. J. Boon, of the Western Theological Seminary, spent his Thanksgiving vacation with us. He takes an active interest in fraternity work, and while here gave us substantial evidence of his interest in our welfare. We wish to return our thanks to brother Boon and to others of our alumni who are generously helping us to get into our new hall. We hope to be able to receive our friends in the finest fraternity hall in Wooster by the first of next term. The latest confusion in fraternity circles here is between the *Δ T Δ* and the *B Θ II*. Mr. T. P. Berry, with the Deltas since '83, has been transferred to the Betas. This was the only alternative.

December 3, 1885.

J. T. MORRISON.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

WE begin the new year with sixteen members, classed: '86, 1; '87, 2; '88, 3; '89, 7; '90, 3. We are well pleased with our own condition and that of the other fraternities here. In the election of the class of '89 we accepted two of the four offices. All the Phis, except two, hold honor positions in the literary societies. Brother A. Heiney was chosen as a delegate to the Indiana State Oratorical Association at the meeting of the local organization here last term. During the term several Phis visited us, among them being Prof. J. W. Moncrief, of Franklin College, who lectured to the students in November. There were also some in the city, who did not visit us or even let us know they had been here. All Phis have a special invitation to visit our chapter when in the city.

January 2, 1886.

BERT FESLER.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

WE began the year with nine royal men, and have since increased our number to thirteen. Our meetings the whole year have been very interesting, and a great deal of fraternity spirit has been shown at most of them. We have one of the finest halls in the State, and its appearance has been added to greatly by an exquisite oil painting presented to us by Miss Emma Turner, a member of the *K K Γ* fraternity. We gave a reception a short time ago which was a success and a credit to *Φ Δ Θ*. We are well represented in the literary departments of our college—on the staff of *The Collegiate*, by C. M. Carter, as editor-in-chief, C. S. McCoy as assistant, and E. J. Stalker as editorial editor; while in our literary society we hold the principal offices. We are represented in classes as follows: Seniors, 1; Juniors, 5; Sophomores, 1; Freshmen, 3; Third Preps, 3. Total, 13. Brother Deere, who has been sick for some time, will be with us again next term. Brother W. G. Olivin, of Peoria, Ill., Treasurer of the Oratorical Association, visited us the first of last month.

December 20, 1885.

H. N. GANT.

INDIANA ZETA, DePAUW UNIVERSITY.

INDIANA ZETA is evincing a deep, earnest, fraternal spirit that is enjoyable and profitable. We have not yet reached our ideal fraternity life, but are approaching it. The *Δ K E* boys have our sympathy in the loss of their noble brother, H. E. Moll, recently deceased. We are glad to have with us brother Locke, of the

Ohio Beta. Sister Beta, accept the thanks of Indiana Zeta. If you want to send out any more such noble fellows to study law, send them to DePauw.

It was a pleasure to us to receive hasty visits from brothers Bridges, Christie, Jordan, Bever, and Goodwin; also brother Elrod, of Indiana Alpha, and our old, ever-welcome brother Perry, of Chicago.

Epsilon Province will no doubt hear with interest that our president, brother Goodwin, has gone to Texas to practice law. May success attend him.

December 26, 1885.

T. C. HOPKINS.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

We still number nineteen attendant members. Brother Fisher was called home, but brother Davidson, who so faithfully performed the duties of reporter last year and was absent from us during the fall term, has taken his place.

We are having a short vacation during holidays, but expect all back at the commencement of college again.

Brother Woodman, '83, left us about two weeks ago for Kansas, where he will make his home. Before he went away he was made the recipient of a very pleasant reception, whither the Phis in truly chivalric spirit gathered together with the fair ladies politically inclined toward Phidom.

Brother Taylor, '84, is with us on a visit. He has made his home at Lincoln, Nebraska, since his graduation. He reports warm-hearted and social brothers in Nebraska Alpha, and was agreeably surprised at the improvement in our hall since last spring.

We hold our third anniversary on the evening of January 13th, to which occasion we look forward with expectations of an especially fine time, when all the Alumni, who are within a reasonable distance, will doubtless be present.

At the Junior oratorical contests, during fall term, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ took first and second honors on Amphictyon stage, and at the other two contests, where we were represented by only one man in each, the honors were carried off by the non-fraternity men.

We are doing some good literary work in our chapter meetings.

January 1, 1886.

W. O. ROBINSON.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

ALMOST three months have passed since Epsilon first met this fall term, and she now looks back with considerable pleasure on

this much of her year's doings. Although nothing of a startling nature has occurred, yet our meetings have been well attended and our senate sessions have resulted in much good in a literary way.

We have thus far found only one new man whom we thought desirable, and we introduce brother Robert A. Eaton, '89, who is a brother of J. B. Eaton, formerly one of Epsilon's best men.

The *K K Γ* fraternity celebrated their 13th anniversary here on November 24, and our members were there in full force and enjoyed the occasion very much. That which is receiving the most attention at our hands at present is our open session and anniversary exercises to be held in January, which promise now to be of much interest in college circles.

December 3, 1885.

W. L. MILLER.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

NOTHING of startling interest has occurred since my last report, but we still continue to obtain honors, our latest being the appointment of Phis to rank in the military department. There are three companies, but officers for only two have been appointed, and in that appointment were brother Dooley, 1st lieutenant of Company B, and brother Hinton, 2d lieutenant of Company A. We soon leave for the holidays, and after our return the grand fight for honors commences, and we feel confident that we will not come out behind.

December 4, 1885.

H. W. CLARK.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

NEARLY all the Phis are at their homes spending the Christmas holidays. We now number sixteen active members. In the initiation of our three new members this year we congratulate ourselves upon the brilliant victory over other fraternities, and above all upon the prizes we have won in the new accessions. Brother Julius Leipman, our last initiate, was "spiked" by three other fraternities, also by the chapter (?) of ΣN . We deeply regret the departure of brother Le Suer, of the class of '86, who has accepted a position on the Santa Fe Railroad, as civil engineer. The prospects for K. S. U. are very bright, although the attendance is a little less than expected. The quality of students surpasses any preceding year in excellence.

The new Natural History Building will be ready for occupancy by September, 1886. Our local Oratorical Contest will take

place in a few weeks. The Inter-State Contest will be held here next May, at which time we hope to meet many Phis. We are always glad to welcome any Phi who happen this way.

December 31, 1885.

B. P. BLAIR.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA ALPHA has added five men to its number since the opening of the term. Notwithstanding the personal attention volunteered to new students by the non-fraternity element, and their "unanswerable objections to the fraternity system," we have initiated all whom we have spiked this year.

Literary work and the cultivation of genuine friendship have further engaged the chapter.

December 10th is our anniversary, and arrangements had been so made that the Kappas united with us in celebrating it. Literary exercises, songs and piano and orchestra music, with so much of sociability as an informal meeting of Kappas and Phis always occasions, made the evening enjoyable.

Miss Lantz declaimed "Past, Present and Future," and added to our pride previously taken in that masterly poem which must exalt brother Jones in the estimation of every appreciative Phi. The Kappas were unanimous in approving of the pains we have taken to fit up our new hall.

The Sigma Chis are taking preparatory steps toward furnishing some rooms.

The three fraternities desire Kappa Alpha Theta to establish a chapter here. There is quite a list of ladies from which a fraternity could select charter members for a chapter which would be a credit to its fraternity and welcomed by the chapters already here.

December 11, 1885.

J. R. FOREE.

IOWA ALPHA, IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE year has opened with flattering prospects of success in all departments of college work. Fraternity matters are in good condition, some desirable accessions having been made in both $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $B \Theta II$. We take pleasure in introducing to the Phi world brothers H. C. Smith, C. G. Coddington and W. H. Spurgeon. These three were all invited into $B \Theta II$, but decided to join us. They are valuable men and we congratulate ourselves on securing them.

Our number is not large, but we consider unity strength and are as one. Brothers Miller and Carver are teaching; brothers Daisy and Blakeney are at home this year; and brother Gray is in St. Paul. The absentees are missed in all our gatherings—social and fraternal. One of the most pleasant social events of

the term was a small party at brother Gray's, while he was at home for a Thanksgiving visit. There were twelve couples present, and a jollier time is not often experienced.

In the contest in this county last fall between J. B. Traxler, $B \Theta II$, and J. F. Riggs, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ('85), for county superintendent of schools, the latter was elected by a large majority. Thus, in outside affairs, as well as college honorary positions, we claim our share.

December 28, 1885.

H. E. WILCOX.

IOWA BETA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

ALTHOUGH Iowa B has not occupied her accustomed place in the SCROLL for some time, she is still active and takes pleasure in introducing into the Phi world six excellent and popular men—Aby, Nichols, Lovell and McClure, initiated last year, and Bacon and Fowler, members of the Freshman class.

Last year our parlors were refitted, and to celebrate the graduation of our six Seniors, we closed with a real Phi banquet that eclipsed all previous efforts in that direction.

V. R. Lovell won first prize in the Junior Oratorical Contest last year, competing with a ΣX , a $B \Theta II$, a $\Delta \Gamma \Delta$, and two non-fraternity men. This year he is leader of the S. U. I. band, with J. N. Dickey and F. S. Aby as musical director and treasurer respectively.

B. D. Connelly did honor to Iowa B on the Sophomore Declamatory Contest and was elected one of the editors of the college paper. We very much regret his inability to return this year, and to fill his vacancy brother Dart was elected. Our roll at present numbers ten, but we will report several additions soon. Arthur J. Irwin was expelled from Iowa B chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ fraternity. June 2d, 1885.

Of our alumni, Charles M. Robertson, '86, is studying medicine at the university; H. W. Clark, '86, stenographer, Jacksonville, Fla.; W. L. Park, '86, cashier, at Grand Junction, Iowa; R. A. Greene, civil engineer, in Wyoming Territory; L. C. Blanding is studying law in Rock Island, Illinois; Chas. S. Magowan, '84, civil engineer on the Union Pacific Railway; O. D. Wheeler, '84, studying law at S. U. I.; A. H. Gale, '84, mail agent, Mason City, Iowa; P. L. Sever, '83, attorney, Stuart, Iowa; L. G. Weld, '83, professor of mathematics in the high school, Burlington, Iowa; C. L. Gillis, '84, merchant, Grundy Centre, Iowa.

December 9, 1885.

O. R. YOUNG.

PERSONAL.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

'87. H. W. C. Shelton is teaching in the National Male Seminary, Tahleghnah, Indian Territory.

'87. A. E. Pendleton has recently been employed in connection with the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., as stenographer, and is stationed at Gloucester, Mass.

'87. G. W. Shaw is employed upon The Aldrich Street Directory at Springfield and Worcester, Mass.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

'72. Benj. P. Gailliard is occupying the chair of Latin and Ancient History at the North Georgia Agricultural College, Dahlonega, Ga.

'73. C. M. Beckwith is an Episcopal minister in Atlanta, Ga.

'74. James G. Parkes, Dawson, Ga., was last year appointed by the Governor on the Board of Visitors to the University of Georgia.

'81. W. W. Hardy is practicing law at Senoia, Ga.

'82. P. H. Burrus is engaged in the cotton business in Columbus, Ga.

'82. A. H. Frazer is on the surveying corps of a proposed railroad between Columbus, Ga., and Athens, Ga.

'84. A. C. Blain is studying medicine in New York.

'84. H. F. Dunwoody is practicing law at Brunswick, Ga.

'84. P. D. Pollock is editing the *Senoia Sentinel* at Senoia, Ga.

'84. Edgar F. Hinton is practicing law at Americus, Ga. He delivered the Memorial Address there last April on Decoration Day.

'85. Wallace K. Stansell is assistant principal of Hilliard Institute, at Forsyth, Ga.

'85. S. W. DeWolf is farming near Columbus, Ga.

'85. Jas. H. Smith is engaged in business at Hogansville, Ga.

INDIANA ZETA.

'83. Chas. Bridges is teller in Central National Bank, Greencastle, Ind.

'85. Jno. M. Goodwin is practicing law at Fort Worth, Texas.

'85. Chas. H. McAnney is preaching at Princeton, N. J.

'85. Jesse Bridges and Wm. Jordan are reading law at Indianapolis.

'85. Geo. Christie is teaching at Danville, Ind.

'85. H. W. Bever is teaching at Danville, Ind.

'85. W. E. Mitchel is County Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sidney, Iowa.

'87. Chas. Rice is a civil engineer on Pennsylvania Railroad at Indianapolis, Ind.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '84. E. O. Lewis is principal of the Verdon school.
 '85. E. J. Churchill is correspondence clerk for Hugus & Co.,
 Rawlins, Wyoming.
 '85. C. G. McMillan reported for the *Daily State Journal* the
 proceedings of the National Scientific Association when in session
 at Ann Arbor. He was also elected member of the same, and
 now has charge of the museum in this university.
 '85. Wm. F. Bisbee is in the post-office at Chadron.
 '85. E. O. Gates is in the First National Bank at Omaha.
 '85. C. B. Newcomer is principal of the Dawson school.

INITIATES.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

- '89. Frank Johnson *Hazen*, Whitfield, Vt.

VERMONT ALPHA.

- '89. John Clifford Morgan, Morrisville, Vt.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '87. William Clayton Humphries, Chamblee, Ga.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA.

- '90. J. G. Couillard, Natchez, Miss.

TEXAS BETA.

- '86. Robert Walker Hall, Jr., Henderson, Tex.
 '86. William Franklin Goodrich, Milam, Tex.
 '86. Franz Fiset, Austin, Tex.
 '87. Henry Harrison Lenox, Bennetts, Tex.
 '87. Charles Vannoy Templeton, Winsboro, Tex.
 '87. Harry Wilson Gilson, Calvert, Tex.
 '87. Charles Kleber Lee, Colorado City, Tex.
 '88. Robert Burns Halley, Salado, Tex.

OHIO ALPHA.

- '88. Harry Weidner, Dayton, Ohio.
 '88. Marc W. Lewis, New Trenton, Ind.
 '88. Kearney Prugh, Gratis, Ohio.

OHIO DELTA.

- '87. Charles Latta Chalfant, East End, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 '87. Robert Ernest Esterly, Columbiana, Ohio.
 '89. William Boyd Hoag, Allegheny, Pa.
 '89. William Oscar Gilbert, Hesperia, Mich.

INDIANA GAMMA.

- '90. Otto Paul Dillon, Knightstown, Ind.
- '90. George Burgess Davis, New Salem, Ind.

INDIANA DELTA.

- '87. James Thomas Noe, Springfield, Ky.
- '89. James Virgil Deere, Franklin, Ind.
- '90. Edward Smith Brown, Franklin, Ind.
- '90. Francis Grant Howard, Clermont, Ind.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

- '88. Friend Burt Brace, Minneapolis, Minn.
- '88. George Everell Dutton, Sycamore, Ill.
- '89. Edward Pike McConnell, Girard, Ill.
- '90. Edward Halsey Miles, Galesburg, Ill.
- '90. Loring Pratt, Junction City, Kan.
- '91. David Alvah Jaques, Elmore, Ill.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

- '87. Richard Morris Dooley, Columbia, Mo.
- '87. *Byron Buckingham Beery, Cameron, Mo.*
- '87. *John William Froley, Mount Vernon, Mo.*
- '88. *Thomas Miles Jeffords, Naples, Ill.*
- '90. *David Samuel McGonigle, Edina, Mo.*
- '90. *Edwin Moss Watson, Columbia, Mo.*

KANSAS ALPHA.

- '89. Verney Kellogg, Emporia, Kan.
- '89. Julius Leipman, Fort Scott, Kan.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

- '89. Lucius Almon Chapin, *Decatur, Neb.*
- '89. George William Gerwig, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*
- '89. Joseph Reynolds McCance, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*
- '91. William James Taylor, Lincoln, Neb.

IOWA ALPHA.

- '88. H. C. Smith, Bloomfield, Iowa.
- '89. C. G. Coddington, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
- '89. W. H. Spurgeon, Nevinville, Iowa.

IOWA BETA.

- '86. Verner R. Lovell, Garner, Iowa.
- '86. Samuel A. McClure, Knoxville, Iowa.
- '88. Frank S. Aby, Galva, Ill.
- '88. Elmer C. Nichols, West Liberty, Iowa.
- '89. John E. Bacon, Wilton, Iowa.
- '89. Ernest M. Fowler, Trenton, Mo.

FRATERNITY NEWS.

IN March last the consolidation of $\Delta T \Delta$ with W. W. W., or Rainbow, was announced in the Nashville *American*, and this announcement was *ex cathedra* from the Rainbow side, as one of the most prominent leaders of W. W. W. is on the staff of that paper. It was declared that the name of the combined fraternity should be " $\Delta T \Delta$ and Rainbow," and that the Deltas would wear a $\Delta T \Delta$ badge with a W. W. W. guard pin, and the Rainbows a W. W. W. badge with a $\Delta T \Delta$ guard pin. It was further claimed that this organization was "entering upon a career which was surely going to startle the fraternity world." The members in Nashville, where the headquarters of W. W. W. have been, said that the terms of agreement had been settled, and that the formal union would take place at the convention of $\Delta T \Delta$ at Detroit in August. During the meeting of the State Oratorical Association and at Commencement in June they wore Delta badges loaned by members of the $\Delta T \Delta$ chapter at Seawanee. It turns out that the Rainbows were a little premature. The consolidation did not follow the Detroit convention. It appears that $\Delta T \Delta$ objects to the Græco-Roman name, to the combination badge, and perhaps to one or two of the Rainbow chapters. W. W. W. has six or seven chapters in the South, composed generally of men of excellent standing. $\Delta T \Delta$ has but three Southern chapters, all recently established, and it would be glad to have more, but W. W. W. is disposed to insist on the conditions. In October, Mr. H. W. Plummer, of Chicago, editor of the $\Delta T \Delta$ *Crescent*, paid an official visit to Nashville, and several meetings were held with the Rainbow officials at the Maxwell House. The result of the negotiations is unknown. The *Crescent* has always been as dumb as an oyster about the matter, and the Rainbows are more reticent in talking about it than they were some time ago.

THE Wabash correspondent of the *Sigma Chi* for October says: "The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s have brought no new men into the fold as yet—a very unusual thing for them. We do not know whether it is because they have room for no more in their hall, or because they have failed to find men that are good enough." In the same connection it will be profitable to read the following from the October $\Delta T \Delta$ *Crescent*: "The fraternities of Wabash College have the following membership, and are named in the order of merit: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 22; ΣX , 7; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 6; $B \Theta II$, 12; $\Phi K \Psi$, 4." Whatever may have been the animus of *Sigma Chi's* Wabash correspondent, its Wooster correspondent is well enough disposed to say: "Among the other chapters here, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is our strongest rival as well as our best friend; $B \Theta II$ suffered by graduation and is only fairly prosperous; $\Phi K \Psi$, which

became nearly extinct here, is making a good effort to recover lost ground; $\Delta T \Delta$ is good and as quiet as usual, nothing occurring to disturb the even tenor of her way; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has several members."

EMORY COLLEGE has been a popular place for the establishment of chapters. In 1869, $K \Delta$ entered there, followed by $X \Phi$ in 1870. Then the trustees made a by-law that no student should be allowed to join any but those two fraternities. The rule was modified in 1871 to admit $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. This was accomplished through the efforts of the Rev. Dr. A. Means. For ten years these three fraternities had the whole field to themselves, but in 1881 the trustees were prevailed upon to admit $\Delta T \Omega$. Then they seemed to have removed all restraint, it being apparently necessary only for a fraternity to make application in order to receive official recognition. In 1882 $\Sigma A E$ and $\Delta T \Delta$ were admitted, and in 1885 ΣN and $X \Psi$.

THE Lehigh chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$ was composed of ten men, all of fine standing. They in a body attended the convention of $\Delta T \Delta$ at Detroit in August, and it is stated that their dissatisfaction with the convention caused the rupture. They have formed a local society styled $B B$, but whether they are seeking to obtain a charter from some other fraternity we are unable to say.

"THE squabble between $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ over the honors taken by each at Vanderbilt continues with unabated vigor."—*Sigma Chi*. As ΣX and $K \Delta$ are still carrying on a wordy war in their respective organs, to decide which won the most honors last year at Randolph, Macon, with no sign of an early cessation of hostilities between the journalistic belligerents, it is hard to understand why the ΣX editor should take up outside discussions.

IN every Monday's edition of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette* are published two columns of "College News," edited by J. E. Bruce. In the issue of November 23 is the following:

"THE SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta contains an article by J. E. Brown, on 'Colleges and Fraternities in Ohio.' We should be glad to reproduce it entire, as we consider it a valuable and unprejudiced review, but we can only take portions, on account of lack of space."

THE Senior class of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy has organized a society, to be known as the Omega Pi Society. The purpose of the society is to promote friendship among the students and advance their interests, both as students and as pharmacists. The members will wear a badge bearing the words Omega Pi.

THE prominent Phis at Vice-President Hendricks' funeral were the Rev. Dr. Jenckes, one of the officiating clergymen; Vilas,

of the Cabinet; Senator Harrison, Congressman Ward, and Judge Woods, one of the pall bearers.

REFERENCE to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is made occasionally in the December number of the *Beta Theta Pi*. We clip some statements both interesting and amusing :

"I notice a remarkable error in the last journal, which I beg leave to correct. 'C. K.,' in his letter on the initiation of preps, says he is informed by a rival fraternity having no chapter in Wabash, that, named in order of merit, the Wabash fraternities stand thus: Phi Delta Theta, 22; Sigma Chi, 7; Phi Gamma Delta, 6; Beta Theta Pi, 12; and Phi Kappa Psi, 4. Now, I am a member of Tau, having spent two years in the halls of old Wabash, and as to fraternity standing there I know whereof I speak. Tau chapter is at least up to the average of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and is excelled by none in the State of Indiana. In Wabash she is acknowledged to be (or was last June) several lengths in the van of all rivals by members of the other fraternities in the college. John W. Kieff, a man of mature age and judgment, and who stands head and shoulders above any Phi Delta Theta in his class, last May became disgusted with the ways of Phi Delta Theta, then his fraternity, resigned, and was chosen to wear a Beta badge, which he does with honor to the fraternity at large as well as to himself. I write this fact in order to show how Tau is regarded at home. By the way, Kieff is not a prep."—*John W. Doak*.

"Having explained circumstances, we now desire to say that any man who places Phi Delta Theta at Wabash above or equal to the Tau of Beta Theta Pi does not prevaricate, neither does he equivocate, nor yet is he laboring under a delusion; but he does much worse, very much worse."—*Wabash Correspondent*.

THE active members [at Hanover College] are as follows: Beta Theta Pi, 10; Phi Gamma Delta, 11; Delta Tau Delta, 2; Sigma Chi, 13; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Delta Gamma, 5; Kappa Alpha Theta, 7.

"BERRY's introduction into the mystic realms of Betadom was an occasion of no little interest in Wooster fraternity circles; as up to the time of his initiation into Beta Theta Pi he had worn the badge of Delta Tau Delta, thus making his route from the barbarian to the Beta world rather indirect and somewhat novel."—*Wooster Correspondent*.

It would seem that $B \Theta \Pi$ was growing proficient in the art of lifting.

THERE has been a great deal of talk about withdrawing characters. According to our own judgment, most of what has been said is wholly worthless, because it has dealt with vaporous gen-

eralities, and has not made the slightest attempt to found itself on distinct principles or on known facts. As to this, however, there may be some difference of opinion, and, for aught we know, some persons may consider the current allusions to killing chapters both witty and wise. Let that be as it may. There is one point on which we all ought to agree. We insist that the brethren who wish to revoke charters ought to adopt one of three courses: they ought to formulate clearly the reasons for withdrawing charters; or they ought to name the chapters whose charters, according to such theories as they have succeeded in devising, deserve to be revoked; or, in case they are unable to follow one or the other of those two courses, in short, if they are unable to tell what they want or why, they should keep quiet.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

THE authorities of Virginia Military Institute have commenced a war on fraternities. The *Sigma Chi* correspondent at Washington and Lee says: "Alpha Mu chapter, Sigma Chi, at the Virginia Military Institute, will, her members fear, be compelled to return her charter. Some of the fraternities there last year acted in so disgraceful a manner as to cause the authorities of the institution to take steps whereby each new cadet is required to swear that he will not connect himself with any secret organization during his stay; so of course the fraternities are gone up, or will be so in a year or two."—*Φ K Ψ Shield.*

THE Delta Tau Delta chapter at Hanover is reduced to three men, all Sophomores, and owing to the scarcity of eligible men, will probably remain so during the year.—*Φ K Ψ Shield.*

PHI DELTA THETA and Phi Kappa Psi [Wooster] are fitting up new halls in a brick block that is just finished. Their location is central.—*Crescent.*

IN the Scientific School [at Yale] there are five societies, of which Berzelius, with seventeen members, and Sigma Delta Chi, with fourteen members, are local. The Beta chapter of Theta Xi, is one of the three chapters of that organization, the Alpha being at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Gamma at Stevens' Institute of Technology. It has a membership of thirteen. The regular college fraternities having chapters are Delta Psi and Chi Phi.

THE Sigma chapter of Delta Psi has a membership of sixteen. On account of the resemblance of the St. Anthony cross of the badge to the letter T, the chapter is popularly alluded to here as the "Tea Company." It is, at present, about completing a very beautiful brown-stone chapter hall. The Omicron chapter of the Chi Phi has an active membership of twelve.

You note the absence, in the society system at Yale, except

perhaps, in the two chapters of the general college fraternities in the Scientific School, of anything like what constitutes fraternity life in most colleges. You are apt to conclude that the system lacks what is essential to the true secret society system—the element of perfect congeniality. The limitation of the two Junior societies in the academic department to the two upper classes, and the large number of members work against a sympathetic brotherhood.—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

OF what shall these [literary] exercises consist? First, they should be aimed to educate the members in matters relating to Phi Kappa Psi. At each meeting, for example, let the committee on literary exercises assign one brother to give, at a stated meeting, a list of our chapters. Let another brother be assigned to give facts about the constitution, history, and distinguished members of our fraternity. Second, the exercises should encourage the study of other fraternities—especially their system of government—in connection with our own. This comparative Pan Hellenic study could not fail to be profitable. Third, it would be well to introduce the reading of articles in the magazines of our leading rivals. A number of the best journals can be obtained by any person at a small expense. They abound in interesting, instructive articles, and their perusal will soon give the reader a broader idea of fraternity life and policy. Fourth, essays upon topics relating to the principles and management of chapters could be introduced at times.

Experience would suggest other exercises, and I am unable to see why this could not be made one of the best features of a meeting. The exercises, at least when introduced, ought not to occupy more than half an hour. The programmes should be prepared by a committee, and those for four or five meetings in advance, should be always tacked up in the chapter hall.

If these exercises could be introduced throughout our fraternity, and if the brothers would persevere until they were permanently established, I believe we should not only be better Phi Psis while in college, but also be far more likely to continue our interest after leaving. Too often those who have been separated for a number of years from their chapters, come to regard the fraternity as an indefinite something, good enough for boys, but not worthy the time and attention of men. Let us realize now that our fraternity is not a juvenile fancy, and that all our actions do not constitute merely boyish pleasantries, and let us appreciate the importance of our position in that grand Greek galaxy that is so powerful in molding the characters of thousands of the best young men of the land. Fraternities demand, in addition to youthful energy, intelligence and enthusiasm, the co-operation of those who, understanding their own fraternity and the Greek system when young, are now, in mature years, able to render valuable assistance.

GEORGE SMART, in *Φ K Ψ Shield*.

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THE MIAMI TRIAD IN EXTENSION.

THE revival of Miami University, after its inactivity of over half a score of years, has turned to this historic ground the attention of the several fraternities who were connected with its history—memorable no less in fraternity than in college annals. The journals of the different fraternities who have thus been connected with her career have contained articles valuable from a historical as well as a literary point of view. They have told of the rise and fall of one of the most renowned institutions of learning west of the Alleghenies; how her fame spread, bringing students from many States; of the work they did; of the statesmen, scholars, and professional men she has sent out; how she became the pioneer of the fraternity system in the West; how three of these societies were founded there, and the story of their fortunes, until the closing of her doors in 1873.

In speaking of Miami, the fraternity man almost invariably refers to it as the birthplace of the three powerful fraternities, $B\Theta\Pi$, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ and ΣX , giving them in the order of their birth.

When we reflect that among the fraternities of Western origin, there are but three others, namely, $\Phi I'\Delta$, $\Phi K\Psi$ and $\Delta T\Delta$,* which have developed a strength by any means proportional to these; a comparison of statistics between them, and their standing, as a group, in the fraternity world, is strongly suggested. What makes the idea still more striking is the fact that the three not of Miami origin are themselves closely related in their beginnings.

$\Phi I'\Delta$ was founded at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, in 1848. $\Phi K\Psi$ at the same place, in 1852. $\Delta T\Delta$, the young-

* Whatever of merit may attach to the individual chapters of $\Phi K\Sigma$, she has not exhibited that enterprise as a general fraternity which characterized the others. Hence her omission from this list.

est of the Western fraternities, originated at Bethany College, West Virginia, in 1859.

The civil war was disastrous to Bethany; the college closed its doors, and the reins of authority which had been with the parent chapter of the new fraternity were turned over to the chapter at Jefferson, where they remained until 1869. Thus this chapter in reality exercised the influence of the parent during the formative period of that fraternity.

So this group of six, making up what are called the "Western Fraternities," is divided into threes, one trio of which were nursed in the western borders of the Keystone State, while the other, which we shall here designate as the Miami Triad, came to light at the honored university of that name, in the southwestern borders of the Buckeye State.

Fraternities have been classed as Eastern, Western and Southern, not only because they originated in a particular section, but because their main development has been in that section in which they originated. Those of eastern origin are strongest in the East, the western in the West, and the southern in the South. $\Delta K E$ at one time came nearer being an exception than has any other fraternity. Originating at Yale, in 1844, ten years later she had eighteen chapters, of which only eight were Eastern, the rest having been established in the more promising schools of the South and West. All these Southern branches were killed by the war, of which only two were revived at its close—those at the universities of Virginia and Mississippi; but the lately expressed plan of again entering the South has been vouched for by the appearance of chapters at Central and Alabama.

As the fraternities stand to-day, the preponderance of strength in each is in and about the section of their origin. The ultra-conservative policy of a few has limited them entirely to a single section, but with these exceptions, the rest have a few chapters in colleges which are at quite a distance from their main body. $\Delta K E$, the most democratic of Eastern fraternities, alone has a number of chapters equal to that of any of the Western, her roll excelling that of $\Phi I \Delta$ by two, and of $\Delta T \Delta$ by three. With this exception, the Western have for a long time surpassed all others in that respect.

The fact that Miami gave rise to three societies which have taken high rank in the fraternity world, has moved some to call her the "Union" of the West. Union College gave rise to six fraternities, yet there is a marked difference existing between the two sets. While we see the even and marked development of those of Miami, those of Union are of an entirely different type. We may call them conservative and ultra-conservative. Of the latter, $K A$, $\Sigma \Phi$ and $\Delta \Phi$ are types, each having limited themselves to a number of chapters, expressed by one figure alone.

While $\Psi \Upsilon$, $X \Psi$ and $\Theta \Delta X$ have not been so conservative as the other trio, their policy has been such as has excluded from their list many colleges of equal rank with those they have entered. Whether the policy of the Eastern or the Western has been the wiser, time will prove. The latter have always been democratic in contra-distinction from a real conservatism on the part of some Eastern, and a pseudo conservatism on the part of others. They have placed chapters in the colleges of better grade throughout the West, and these schools, though some of them are limited in endowment and attendance, pursue a far more thorough course of instruction than some rivals who have not aspired to them, or having aspired to have not entered, are willing to admit. Their courses for the most part are simply those leading to the degree of B.A. and B.S. Hitherto, for a great part in the denominational schools, the classical has been the only course of thoroughness, and the one mostly pursued by students. The scientific was a compromise between an academical and collegiate course, and its degree was not considered as a great *desideratum* by students. There has been manifested of late in many of these schools a disposition to make this course as thorough as the one in arts. Where preparatory schools are in connection with the college proper, a three years' course of preparation is maintained, and the entrance to the college is subject to equally rigid examinations, no matter which course is pursued. The modern languages are insisted upon, and are even gaining favor over Greek. In some of these colleges now the scientific course is fully as thorough as the classical; its degree is sought by almost as many students as that of arts, and is yearly becoming more popular, as it more nearly meets the demand for a "practical" education.

As regards extension among fraternities, there are none which can lay claim to as wide or as symmetrical a development as that of those of the Miami Triad. Founded as they were in the West, when it was enjoying a vigorous growth, they developed with it, occupied its territory, and together with the Jefferson Triad, went beyond it in the direction most natural—South, where were unoccupied the flourishing State universities and a few other schools which had attained prominence. At that time the now typical Southern fraternities had not made their appearance, but the ground became none the less well occupied, for both Eastern and Western began to push themselves into these schools of the South, making, as Mr. Baird has said in his "American College Fraternities," often the first meeting place of the Eastern and the Western fraternities in some college of the South.

On the rolls of the Western fraternities at the beginning of the war, we find a goodly number of chapters had been established in the South, and, as has been mentioned in the case of $\Delta K E$, a preponderance of chapters was in that section.

That conflict made a change, and at its close fraternities had

again to go forth from their original starting points. We are inclined to believe that it was the war that brought much of that element, conservatism, into the fraternity world. During its progress extension was necessarily stopped, and at its close they were loath to push it. No college has been added to the roll of $\Sigma \Phi$ since '58, and but one to that of $K \Lambda$. Up to '59 $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ had steadily extended her borders, without indiscretion, too, and since then she has entered but two colleges. A cursory glance at the roll of ΨT may give the impression that her course was not altered; but it is interesting to know that of the six chapters admitted to worship at her shrine since '60, all were organized before becoming chapters of ΨT . Three had been established as local societies, while the three others, in which taste was displayed at the expense of courtesy, were lifted from other fraternities, namely, the Michigan chapter from $B \Theta \Pi$; Chicago from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$, and the Cornell from $\Phi K \Psi$. $\Delta K E$, which at one time bid most fair to become the national fraternity, for some restraining cause has for many years refused to avail herself of the vantage ground she once held in the South. Now, realizing that the colleges on that side of Mason and Dixon's line are as worthy as any, and influenced, no doubt, by the able article of Senator Butler in a preceding volume of the *Quarterly*, she is endeavoring to regain the prestige she once so honorably held there.

We find the Western fraternities leading in extension, as to number of chapters, as follows: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 58; $B \Theta \Pi$, 47; ΣX , 35. $\Phi K \Psi$ follows with 35, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 29, and $\Delta T \Delta$ 28. As to number of States entered, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ leads with 24, the others following: $B \Theta \Pi$, 21; ΣX , 16; $\Phi K \Psi$, 16; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 12, and $\Delta T \Delta$, 12. Thus we see that not only does the Miami Triad lead all others in number of chapters, but in number of States entered, showing that their roll is not the result of unscrupulous crowding into any and all colleges of a particular section, but by outreaching into different States.

It is well to notice also that the only Western fraternities represented in New England are those of the Miami Triad. Not only are they represented there, but these chapters are among the most active and prosperous of these fraternities. $B \Theta \Pi$ entered Boston University in '76, which was followed by the revival of her long dead chapters at Harvard and Brown, and establishment at Maine State and Amherst. In '79 $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ entered the University of Vermont, the success of which chapter demonstrated that the East was available territory. Since then she has established herself at Colby, Dartmouth and Williams. ΣX has been represented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1882. Neither $\Phi K \Psi$ nor $\Delta T \Delta$ were ever established east of New York. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has twice entered New England, but has not suc-

ceeded in retaining her ground. The chapter at Sheffield Scientific School (Yale) did not prosper, and died. A chapter established at Williams, in '80, had scarcely been chartered, when, owing to some dissatisfaction, it deserted to $Z \Psi$.

The success of these New England chapters of the Miami fraternities has proven that they are able to cope favorably with longer established rivals, brought the Eastern and Western fraternities into closer contact, and created a more friendly relation between them than existed before. We hardly think the present able editors of the *Diamond* of $\Psi \Gamma$ would call upon her friends "to create a healthy public sentiment" against societies which are "necessarily destined to a short-lived, or at least precarious, existence," but would be more likely to "welcome the new chapters in direct proportion to the strength they manifest."

Another respect in which we find the Miami fraternities excelling, is in the number of chapters located at State universities. Mr. W. R. Baird, who until recently has been largely identified with the progressive moves of $B \Theta \Pi$, urges upon that fraternity the advisability of establishing herself in the State universities west of the Mississippi, in which she is not now represented. These institutions, from the very system of education throughout the West and South, are placed at the head of the college system. With scarcely an exception, in every Western and Southern State you will find the State university to be in the forefront, and in many cases, owing to liberal recognition, far in advance of competitors. They are bound to remain at the front as long as the demand for education exists. The wisdom and advantage of placing chapters in these institutions cannot be questioned, and it is pleasing to see how thoroughly this has been appreciated in certain quarters. In State universities $B \Theta \Pi$ has 12 chapters, ΣX , 10, $\Phi K \Psi$, 10, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 8, and $\Delta T \Delta$, 6. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ leads with eighteen on her list, and the circle made by her chapters in universities of Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, is one of which every Phi Delta Theta can well be proud, and one that gives a broad and firm support on which can be built the NATIONAL fraternity.

There are forty-six colleges in which one or more of the Miami Triad meets $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, or $\Delta T \Delta$, and in twenty-six they precede them. Of these twenty-six $B \Theta \Pi$ comes first at fifteen; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ precedes at eight; ΣX at three. In the remaining twenty $\Phi K \Psi$ precedes at eleven; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ at six; and $\Delta T \Delta$ at three. While speaking of the colleges in which the Western fraternities meet each other, it is natural to wonder in how many they come in contact with the Eastern. Such a comparison would be too lengthy here, but we can say that most all

meet at some college on their list. Northern Kappa Alpha is the only exception. $\Phi T \Delta$, $\Delta T \Delta$, and ΣX are not brought into contact with her at any college whatever. We would think that two fraternities, both claiming to be Eastern, would meet at one school, at least, but at the present time $X \Phi$ is not known in the colleges where $\Sigma \Phi$ is represented.

Some have tried to use the fact of the wide extension of the Western fraternities as an argument against them, asserting the long roll to arise from a "multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions." We have clearly shown this not to be the case, the acquisition of new chapters being the result of the acquisition of new territory. Were it the case we would find that the average number of rival chapters would be proportionately less. But this is not so; the number in all the Western fraternities is nearly the same, being about four and a half to each chapter. The question is not one as to how large a list can be built up, but how can the idea of a fraternity that shall bind together the sympathies of students, East, West, South and North, be realized. In so far as a fraternity approaches a national type, so all the more shall its strength be manifest, and its field of usefulness enlarged beyond that to which any provincial brotherhood can lay claim.

It is with this aim in view that the leading colleges of different sections have been entered; not those whose future alone augured well, but whose present standing and work commended itself. The present justifies this policy, and the future will make its wisdom more manifest. A half or even a quarter of a century ago the liveliest imagination would not have foretold such a growth in fraternity intelligence and recognition as exists to-day. Is the future to be less than the past?

We do not believe that the system will retrograde; we believe that the code of fraternity ethics will mould itself perfectly to its environs; that fraternities will be as lasting as the colleges that shelter them.

Then we have to build not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us. The future has its demands, as well as the present. The Western fraternities have more nearly met these demands than have their ultra-conservative rivals.

Those who are interested in the fortunes of the fraternities whose *alma mater* is Miami, are gratified to know that in their success of the present, they have laid good foundations for that of the future, and every Phi, as he looks from ocean to ocean, can well be proud of the nationality of his order.

J. E. BROWN.

A PHI LETTER.

[The editor had the pleasure recently of receiving the following, which shows the strength of alumni interest. This letter is but one of many of like tenor.]

YOUR recent kind letter was in some manner delayed in reaching me; and since its reception I have been kept so busy with my routine duties that, until this evening, I was unable to find time to answer it.

For your kind invitation I sincerely thank you, and deeply regret that, owing to the nature of my present occupation—that of a pedagogue—I am unable to accept your hospitality. It would have been a great pleasure to attend the Alpha Province Convention. Nevertheless, I appreciate your proffered kindness as an illustration of the meaning of that bond which unites Phi hearts and hands in the lasting chain of brotherhood.

There are a great many of us Phis who are unable to do active work, who can seldom be present in the convention halls, and whose situation and occupation give us few opportunities to show our fidelity to the grand order to which we belong. But the enthusiasm and love for the fraternity are with us as living and undying as when we met in the chapter-hall with our brothers. Our joys when $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ prospers are as real as when we were numbered among the active members; and the dearest memories of our college days are those associated with our beloved fraternity.

In this particular—that of retaining the well-wishes and love of her members—our order is far more successful than other fraternities. I do not write this as a mere patriotic opinion, but from experience. Since leaving college I have met a number of men from other fraternities, and, with one exception, these men had lost all interest in their different fraternities; and many of them have even expressed their surprise that any one should be interested in such matters after leaving a college town. I have never heard a Phi even remotely hint at such lukewarmness.

But I must stop—and it is difficult to stop, too, when each line I write brings back more vividly than ever the old scenes in the halls of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and the pleasant memories of those who wore the shield and dagger.

If I can at any time be of service to the fraternity in any way you will confer a great favor by informing me.

M. L. H.

THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW YORK ALPHA.

ABOUT ten years ago New York Alpha returned its charter. On the 6th of this month seven men from the best material in Cornell University took upon themselves the ties of Phi Delta Theta, and the white and blue again waves at our first chapter in

the East. The week was a memorable one in our fraternity, with Massachusetts Alpha founded at Williams College on Monday and New York Alpha instituted on Saturday.

The New York Alpha measure was projected by brother W. R. Worrall, Alpha Province president, who delegated to Dudley R. Horton (New York Alpha, '75), the authority to move in the matter.

Brother Horton knew Charles A. McAllister, a Junior in Cornell, and discovering at the Christmas holidays that he was a non-fraternity man, and not averse to fraternities, proceeded to give him all necessary information about our noble fraternity in the best approved Sophomoric rushing method. The result was that brother McAllister took hold of the work with spirit, and six men made application for the reissuing of the charter. The application was granted by the General Council on February 6th. Brothers Worrall and Horton went to Ithaca and instituted the chapter by initiating Charles A. McAllister, E. C. Boynton, Jr., G. W. Stephens, F. F. Lawrence, H. Snyder, C. M. Vreeland, and E. H. Bennett. After the initiation brother Horton, on behalf of the New York Alumni, Gamma and Delta chapters, presented brother McAllister with a badge and sword, as a recognition on their part of the ability he had displayed in founding the chapter. The brothers all live together in fine quarters in a beautiful Queen Anne cottage on the corner of Mill and Linn streets, in the heart of Ithaca. No chapter could have been started under more favorable conditions, and the enthusiasm is a guaranty that they will not fail in taking advantage of their opportunities. Brother Horton deserves special praise for his labors, and we congratulate him heartily on the successful outcome of the project.

God-speed to New York Alpha !

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA was one week old on Saturday last, and on that evening we held a rousing meeting at the residence of brother Rodolph. Our six active members are brothers Morgan, Parcells, Norris, Halladay, Rodolph, and Melvin. We were initiated on the evening of the 6th inst. by brother Adams, of the old California Alpha, and brothers Dewing and C. S. Melvin, of Pennsylvania Alpha. More brethren could not be present on account of the short notice we gave them ; but we received many assurances of warm sympathy and a liberal supply of badges from the alumni Phis.

We have met with considerable opposition in our efforts to form a chapter, especially from the members of *B Θ II*, who have resorted to all kinds of trickery in order to harrass us ; but

we *have* started in spite of them, and we flatter ourselves that we shall be able, in a short time, to surpass them in *numbers*, as we do already in the quality of our men.

We have more *fratres in facultate* than any other of the fraternities represented here, Prof. Christy and instructors Jones and Jackson being members of old California Alpha.

Brother Morgan has been business manager of the *Berkeleyan* for the past term, and brother Melvin has just been appointed on the local staff. There is much good material in the University of California for a chapter, and we feel confident of success.

HARRY A. MELVIN.

EDITORIAL.

THE record of the past two months in Phi Delta Theta work is remarkable. It is not a platitude to say that words fail to express our enthusiasm at the brilliant results accomplished so early in the new year. The establishment of Massachusetts Alpha, the awakening of New York Alpha and California Alpha, and the holding of the first convention of Alpha Province, is a record unrivalled in brilliancy. Rightly may we propose the toast, "Phi Delta Theta from ocean to ocean. The National Fraternity;" and it will be responded to in every chapter-hall that rejoices in the advance of our beloved brotherhood.

THE establishment of the chapter at Williams was accomplished under unusually favorable circumstances, and the new chapter bids fair to rank high in the roll. Many have been instrumental in accomplishing this result, but none more persistently than brother W. S. Ferris, '85, whose uphill work did much in assuring ultimate success.

THE reorganization of New York Alpha and California Alpha has been effected under very encouraging auspices, and we may feel fortified in the belief that they will never again be numbered among the dead.

In both these cases much of the work was done by loyal alumni whose love for $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ never diminishes. Brother Horton, New York Alpha, '75, and brother Melvin, Pennsylvania Alpha, '82 (assisted by resident alumni), have each rendered valuable aid

in the re-establishment of the chapters at Cornell and the University of California, respectively, and the fraternity extends to them sincere appreciation of their labors.

THE ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION demonstrated very clearly all the advantages accruing from gatherings of this kind. Much earnest discussion was engaged in, and the interchange of information and ideas was valuable to every delegate. At the banquet enthusiasm was rampant, and no speaker could refrain from commenting on the unparalleled progress of the fraternity in the East—a field which a few years ago was unknown to us. The convention proved conclusively the growing strength of the new chapters, and everyone departed with the greatest confidence in Alpha Province and her work.

THIS number has been unusually late in order to make the many important announcements. The next number will be issued early in March, and contributors are requested to send "copy" immediately.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM GAMMA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

It is with genuine pleasure and pride that I greet the chapters of Gamma Province for the first time during the present college year. Many reasons have prevented the performance of this pleasant duty heretofore. The chapters are all in such satisfactory condition that they have needed no words from me to urge them in the work before them. I could see no point upon which any of them needed to be urged, and truly it "does me proud" to make such a statement. They have won my highest encomiums, and "grappled me to their souls with hooks of steel." Again, having changed my home and located in Atlanta permanently, it has been necessary to be constantly engaged in preparation for a prolonged siege.

Reports from all directions with one accord report good cheer and successful work among the chapters. And in this connection I take occasion to congratulate the fraternity, and particularly Gamma Province, upon the acquisition of such a promising chapter as Alabama Alpha. We welcome it back within our

folds and bestow upon it our sincerest blessings. It was crushed beneath the iron heel of injustice, and while seemingly lifeless its flame but smouldered beneath the ashes of many winters, and, like "truth crushed to earth," it "sprang full-armed" into the sunlight of prosperity.

S. P. GILBERT.

TO CHAPTER HISTORIANS.

I WISH to call attention to the annual report of chapters which, under the Constitution, are due April 1st. Blanks will be mailed to each chapter by the 20th of March, which should be filled out and returned to the H. G. C. not later than April 1st. The work of filling the blanks is so very simple and requires so little time, that there would seem to be no reason why this duty should not be promptly attended to. The period to be covered by the report is from April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886. The reports for the most part were in early last year, but a number were delayed till May, and some till June; and in a number of these cases the Historian would make the mistake of filling in the blanks up to the date of sending, instead of April 1st. The confusion which would result from this method of compiling statistics is readily seen. The column marked "attendant members" should contain the names only of those in attendance April 1, 1886, and not all who may have been in attendance during the year; and special attention should be given to the changes of correspondent members, as this information will be of great value to future compilers of the catalogue. Last year a number of Historians failed to give the full name of members, and in some instances the class was omitted, although the blanks plainly indicate that these things should be done.

I hope these requirements will be more closely observed this year. The blanks will be sent in care of the Reporter, as the Chapter Historian names are not known to me.

A. A. STEARNS, H. G. C.

FROM ALPHA PROVINCE PRESIDENT.

It is with no little pleasure I am privileged to announce to the fraters the establishment of our Massachusetts Alpha Chapter at Williams College, February 1, 1886, and the re-establishment of our New York Alpha at Cornell University. Both these chapters start off with men in every way satisfactory to all of us who have been brought into contact with them, and our work is much encouraged by the hearty way in which they take hold to help. Our Province Convention was in every way a success. Fourteen chapters were represented, and a great deal of important business was

transacted. Reports from the two new chapters will be found in their places in this issue, as also a short résumé of the proceedings of the convention, the minutes of which will be printed in pamphlet form. Hoping that Phi Delta Theta's success in the East will add greater zest and love for all our works, I am fraternally yours,
W. R. WORRALL, Pres. Alpha Province.

BETA PROVINCE.

BROTHER GEO. W. CONE, of Riverton, Warren county, Va., has consented to assume, for the present at least, the presidency of Beta Province. He makes a personal sacrifice in attempting this work, as he is an alumnus in charge of a vigorous and pushing business which demands his time. But the condition of the Province affairs and his loyalty to the cause have urged him to accept. Please aid and encourage him so far as possible. Announce his acceptance.

FROM PRESIDENT OF EPSILON PROVINCE.

THE EPSILON PROVINCE will hold its second annual convention at Indianapolis during the time of the State Oratorical Association meeting and contest on April the 8th. The convention last year was so pleasant, so profitable and promising as to foretell nothing but the utmost good and benefit to accrue from its continuance. Last year there were some seventy-five delegates and visiting brothers present, and while enjoying a most wholesome fraternal communion, we transacted much interesting and important business, and had many expressions and manifestations of enlarged fraternity views. This year we will have a feature of much additional interest in the way of a fraternity literary performance on the evening before the oratorical contest. Brother W. J. Snyder, of DePauw University, Indiana Zeta, will deliver an address; brother Bert Fisher, of Indiana State University, Indiana Alpha, will read a history of Epsilon Province; brother Chas. McCaslin, of Hanover College, Indiana Epsilon, will read an original prophecy, and some one of our brothers with the poetic fancy will read a poem. All these productions will relate to fraternity affairs and fraternity thought.

On the next day two or three sessions of the convention will be held for the transaction of business which will come before the convention. At night, after the oratorical contest, a banquet will be spread as the happy consummation of a royal meeting. The literary performance, the meeting of the convention, and the banquet, will be held in the Grand Hotel. The success of the convention will depend upon the interest and attendance of the brothers of the Province. It is earnestly hoped that every one

who possibly can attend will do so. Let each come prepared to promulgate and discuss measures of interest to the fraternity, and to the internal improvement of the chapters and the Province. But to those who have attended one of these conventions it is unnecessary to say a word, while those who have not attended such a convention have not enjoyed fraternity life with fullness and beauty. From such a communion and meeting of brother with brother, each member returns to his own chapter home refreshed and invigorated with a newness of fraternity zeal and enthusiasm which it is worth a good deal to possess. Let each member be on hand and feel that the success of the convention depends largely on his individual efforts.

A cordial and earnest invitation is extended to every brother in the fraternity to give us his presence on this gala occasion to the Epsilon Province and to the entire fraternity.

JNO. M. GOODWIN.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

MAINE ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter is in its usual good trim. Many of our brothers are absent this winter teaching, but our meetings are well attended and the usual Phi spirit manifested.

Our highest hopes are about to be realized. The long-hoped-for Province Convention is to take place and Maine Alpha has thrown herself, body and soul, into the work for its success.

At our regular meeting, January 13th, a unanimous manifestation was given in favor of the convention, also as to the time and place of holding it. What more suitable place could be chosen for holding a province, or even a national, convention, than the great metropolis of America?

Brother Metcalf and your corresponding secretary have been chosen to represent Maine Alpha at the convention. Our hearts, one and all, go out with our sister chapters for its success. May it prove satisfactory to all and shed honor upon our national fraternity.

January 18th, 1886.

GEO. E. GOOGINS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Our work this term has been excellent. A very marked improvement can be seen by any one who looks back over the last year. New Hampshire Alpha is very much interested in the Alpha Province Convention and will send two delegates. But

the event which has pleased us most during the last month is the establishment of Massachusetts Alpha. It shows that our fraternity is becoming more and more a national fraternity. Let the good work of establishing chapters in the eastern colleges go on. We hope at the Province Convention the matter of extension will be discussed fully.

February 1, 1886.

G. W. SHAW.

VERMONT ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

NOTHING of unusual interest has happened since our last report, yet everything is moving along in a very satisfactory manner. Our meetings this term are proving very interesting. They are in charge of two leaders, who choose their sides and furnish the exercises alternately. There is a banquet awaiting the victorious side, at the close of the term, at the expense of the side that "gets left." This gives life to our meetings and spurs the boys on to do their best. In the January 2d number of *Engineering News*, Brother C. W. Baker has a paper on Steam Engineering, which was very highly complimented. Brothers Jeffords and Chase are our delegates to the convention at New York.

February 1, 1886.

F. H. CLAPP.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

"THEY say there is a new fraternity in college. Do you know anything about it?" is what they are saying all over Williams this week. But the curiosity of our friends is still unsatisfied, as far as anything definite is concerned. The readers of the SCROLL shall be more fortunate.

There was a pleasant little gathering in a set of rooms in Williamstown last Monday night. Brother Worrall, of New York, was there, and brothers Skinner and Harris, from our neighbor, New York Beta, and before the evening was over fourteen men—one alumnus, the others undergraduates of Williams—had been admitted to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and the Massachusetts Alpha Chapter had become no longer a hope, but an existing fact.

There has been some delay about getting the pins, but when they arrive we shall come out openly as a chapter. We make no pretensions and no boasts, but we hope and intend to make our chapter a success and a benefit to every one of us.

The following is our list of members: W. A. Ferris, '85, W. D. Mapes, '86, S. Abbott, '87, T. E. Haven, '87, H. R. Platt, '87, H. J. Wells, '87, S. H. Seeley, '88, G. L. Richardson, '88, J. A. Young, '88, H. P. Woodward, '88, R. M. Blackburn, '89, G. R. Herrick, '89, C. T. Terry, '89, C. H. Frasell, '89.

February 4, 1886.

GEO. L. RICHARDSON.

BROTHERS SKINNER AND HARRIS represented New York Beta at the culmination of our first victory in Massachusetts, and assisted Province President Worrall in the initiation, which was successful in every way. It is with great pleasure that they report the initiation of fourteen noble fellows who are able in every respect to sustain the Phi standard. It was particularly pleasing to notice the evident congeniality of disposition and harmony of action which, added to the earnestness and activity of the members, bids well to make Massachusetts Alpha one of the best chapters in the fraternity.

The members of Massachusetts Alpha hold many important positions in college, and are of acknowledged ability.

Credit is due brother Worrall for the thorough manner in which he explained the work and objects of Phi Delta Theta, and for his thoughtful suggestions in regard to the starting of the work which will enable them to guard against many errors.

On the whole, our fraternity is to be very much congratulated upon its successful entrance into a college of such high standing as Williams.

E. S. C. HARRIS, N. Y. Beta, '86.

February 9, 1886.

NEW YORK GAMMA, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE preparations for the Alpha Province Convention have busied this chapter to the exclusion of other business, the only event of importance being the initiation of brother Franklin I. Brown on the 25th ult. The delegates from New York Gamma are brothers Shiels and Winslow.

We have suffered severely in the loss of brothers Schoonmaker, '87, and Orcutt, '88, both of whom have taken an extended leave of absence. Brother Schoonmaker will make a trip to Europe, and brother Orcutt will for the present remain in the city.

The *Microcosm* will be published some time in April, and we would be glad to exchange with any chapter, as the limited number will render it impossible for this chapter to send one to each of the others, as has been done in the past.

February 2, 1886.

CHAS. A. DOWNER.

NEW YORK BETA, UNION COLLEGE.

NEW YORK BETA is still flourishing. A chapter of 14 men imbued with true Phi spirit can do little else. Our hearts were gladdened a few days ago by a visit from Province President Worrall, who made a short stop on the return trip from the establishment of Massachusetts Alpha, at which we were represented by

brothers Harris and Skinner. We have also been favored with a visit from brother Ferris, one of the members of our new sister chapter. Many of our members expect to attend the Province Convention. Our delegates to that gathering are Harris and Felthousen.

February 9, 1886.

T. WARREN ALLEN.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

THE opening of the term finds us all back again, with the exception of brother Tibbitts. We began the work of the term by initiating Ralph B. Reitz, whom we are proud to introduce to the Phi world. We now number 16.

We are jubilant over the prospect of moving into our new fraternity hall, in the new Phoenix block, built on the site of the Opera block, which was destroyed by fire two years ago. We have leased the rooms for five years, and the comparative permanence thus secured is second only to that of a chapter house. The fraternity room and two ante-rooms are carpeted alike with Brussels. One ante-room will be used as a reading room, the other for reception room. The walls and ceilings of all are richly papered, especially the fraternity room, and the panel designs and gilt mouldings make its appearance very beautiful. Furniture upholstered in plush and leather, the chandeliers and gas fixtures, steam heaters, all contribute to the comfort and cheerfulness of our new "Phi home."

Brother Murray has been elected orator, and brother Lynch, essayist, on the Philo team, to contest with the Allegheny Society, on one of the evenings of Commencement week.

Brother Murray took the prize in the recent declamation contest of the Philo Franklin Society.

January 20, 1886.

C. P. LYNCH.

BETA PROVINCE.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OUR members have cause for congratulating themselves on their success in the recent society elections for Commencement officers. Brothers McDonald and Bethell were elected to first and third Marshalships, respectively, and your Reporter was chosen Representative, brother Shaw being appointed Marshal for Exercises on Washington's birthday.

Recently our hall has been elegantly furnished, and its walls adorned with appropriate portraits.

Brother Neal, we are glad to learn, has a flourishing school in Bertie county, and brother Marshall is successful as a druggist in Wadesboro.

January 30, 1886.

A. M. SIMMONS.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

It is understood that ΣN has recently placed a chapter here, though its members have not yet announced themselves. This multiplication of chapters necessarily lowers the fraternity standard of membership; and if the evil continues the chapters here will soon be in the condition described by the Reporter of Virginia Δ .

The only first-class non-fraternity men in college now are those that remain so from choice, and it is needless to say that they constitute an exceedingly small minority.

Brother Coan has been compelled to leave college on account of his ill-health. Brother M. L. Copeland, B.A., '84, one of our charter members, has returned to college, and is now in the Law department.

January 25, 1886.

W. W. BALL.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

GEORGIA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Two weeks ago Georgia Alpha received into membership Mr. F. S. Stone, of Mobile, Ala., and Mr. J. E. Foy, of Egypt, Ga. Both brothers have already shown themselves enthusiastic Phis. Brother Foy is a member of the Sophomore class; brother Stone is in the Law department. He graduated four years ago at the University of Alabama.

The eight fraternities here have decided to publish an annual, and arrangements are now being made for its appearance about June. It will be called the *Pandora*. Brothers F. S. Stone and W. A. Speer will represent Phi Delta Theta on the editorial staff. We are looking forward with pleasure to a visit next week from brother S. P. Gilbert, our Province President.

January 30, 1886.

J. S. J. GILBERT.

GEORGIA ALPHA has eighteen men. She will lose four this year by graduation; so she will start next year with fourteen. She has initiated seven and affiliated two (from Georgia Beta) since last October. We contemplate organizing an alumni chapter at Atlanta during next summer.

February 18, 1886.

W. A. SPEER.

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

DURING the last month we have lost and we have won. In the elections in the literary societies for champion debaters, we were badly beaten by a clique, merit being utterly disregarded. For several years past $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has usually been represented in the champion debate, and her representatives have never failed to rank among the first, and in not a few instances they have been the best. This year our men are the best in college, and are so recognized, but owing to the corrupt state of our college politics they were defeated. It is against our principles to enter into schemes for society positions, though we lose them by so doing. But we certainly held winning hands in class standing. We have twenty-four members, and twenty-one of them are "inside of a speaker's place," as the announcement, recently, of the class standing of the students of the college for fall term, '85, showed. Junior and Senior classes have twelve places each every Commencement; and, according to the marks so far, we will get six of the Seniors and four of the Junior places this year. In the lower classes we are represented equally as well relatively. Two of our men led their classes, brother Daves the Senior, and brother J. E. McKee the Sophomore. We are represented in the different classes as follows: Seniors, 7; Juniors, 6; Sophomore, 6; Freshman, 6, and Sub-Fresh, 1.

January 25, 1886.

R. W. TRIMBLE.

GEORGIA GAMMA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

At the time of our last report we were on the verge of the annual college election. We are glad to state that it passed off quietly, but the Phis were defeated on every hand. All the other fraternities here, except the $\Sigma A E$, combined against us; we could expect nothing but defeat. Envy was the principal cause of the clique to beat us.

We begin the work of the new year with renewed energy. All of the old members have returned but brothers Rhodes and Thomas. Brother Rhodes is teaching near Columbus, Ga. He will return and graduate with the present Junior class. Including our last initiate, brother George M. Overstreet, we have still a membership of twenty-three. We are taking some steps toward erecting a chapter-house. We hope to be successful.

We have just received a letter from brother S. P. Gilbert, our Province President, stating that he will visit us on Saturday, the 30th inst. Georgia Gamma is much attached to brother Gilbert, and is always delighted to see him.

January 28, 1886.

W. B. HARDMAN.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA is still in the path of success and prosperity. We have just suffered the loss of brother T. W. Yates by his withdrawal from the University. Mississippi Alpha has sustained the loss of a true, noble, and generous brother, one who has always looked to the interests of our chapter and fraternity. Brother Yates was First Fresh Medalist, '84, and Second Medal man, Sophomore class, '85, and Salutatorian of Phi Sigma Literary Society in '85. Brother C. W. Frazer, who was unavoidably compelled to return home on account of severe illness, will return to college in a very short time. He will be quite an acquisition. Our intermediate examinations are rapidly approaching, and all are busy. Brother Mayo paid us a short visit in the commencement of the session.

January 27, 1886.

JNO. M. OLIVER.

DELTA PROVINCE.

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The new term opened under very unfavorable circumstances for us, on account of having to lose some of the brothers.

Brother Foster has not yet returned, and probably will not this year. We are afraid we will also have to part with Brother Lewis for a while.

Mr. W. E. Morris, we are sorry to say, has been expelled. We followed out the constitution strictly in all the proceedings, and gave the defendant a fair and impartial trial. The trial was held on Friday afternoon, January 22d. The accused was found guilty, and the penalty had to be expulsion.

February 1st, 1886.

WILLIAM CLOUGH.

OHIO BETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE new calendar year finds us, as a college, prosperous, but not without those changes incident to college life. Nine of the senior class, who differed with the faculty as to the practicability of a certain rule prohibiting the students from attending any theatrical performance, decided to receive their diplomas elsewhere—eight going to De Pauw, one to Harvard.

While some of the other fraternities have suffered by this change, our ranks are unbroken. We, as a fraternity, can congratulate ourselves upon the fraternal feeling and unity of action which characterize our every movement.

On the evening of the 22d, at the elegant residence of Dr. J. B. Hunt, the active and resident members of Phi Delta Theta were highly honored by a reception tendered them, at which

social gathering there were fourteen couples in all who can testify to the fact that the host and hostess spared no pains to make the evening most enjoyable.

The number of men initiated by the different fraternities thus far during the year is as follows: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 5; $\Delta T \Delta$, 4; $X \Phi$, 4; $B \Theta \Pi$, 2; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 2; $\Phi K \Psi$, 2.

Since our last report we have initiated H. V. Stevens, '88.
January 25, 1886. W. F. MAI

OHIO ZETA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

OHIO ZETA's silence in the columns of the SCROLL for several months past has not been due to any lack of interest on the part of the members, but to the individual neglect of the reporter, for which he asks forgiveness, with the promise of better attention to the matter in future.

Ohio State University now ranks with any other similar institution of the State in regard to the number of fraternities represented in it. Since the establishment of the Betas here in December there are, besides our own, chapters of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, ΣX , $X \Phi$ and $B \Theta \Pi$, all of which are prosperous.

At the request of our Province President, we have already elected our delegate and alternate to the Delta Province Convention to be held at Delaware next May. Preparations for this event cannot begin too early if the Convention is to be a thorough success. We are especially anxious that the Kentucky chapters shall be represented there. Brother McPherson, '87, will be our delegate, and Brother Reeves, '87, the alternate.

Brother McPherson was to-day elected one of the three delegates who are to represent our university at the meeting of the Ohio Oratorical Association at Denison University, Granville, on February 18th next.

Our chapter is small but prosperous, and we contemplate making accessions to our number in a short time.

February 1, 1886. W. F. HUNT.

KENTUCKY DELTA, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

SINCE you last heard from us through Brother Phister we have been energetic and thoughtful. Our men are all hard workers, and are reaping for their labor the richest harvests. The intermediate examinations are just over, and we rejoice that we can truly say that we have the brightest record of any fraternity in college. Our men stand high in the literary societies also, and are sharing in the places of honor and trust whenever such places are presented. In the election of June orators, December 25th, your reporter was unanimously elected to the first speakership.

Brother Back is now an efficient president of our literary society. One of our members, Brother January, has returned to his home in Chicago to recruit his health. We regret his absence very much, and hope that he will be able to return to the university next year to enjoy with us the happy life of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. We have secured a very handsome room in which to meet. We are constantly gaining strength, and we hope to prove ourselves worthy of the high organization of which we are members.

February 1, 1886.

J. T. WADE.

EPSILON PROVINCE.

INDIANA ALPHA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

THE active members of Indiana Alpha desire all of her alumni members to forward to the chapter framed likenesses of themselves which were taken at the time of their graduation, or as near that time as possible. When it is convenient we would like all the members of the same class to be framed in a group. All whom we have written to have complied with our request, and we hope the others will.

At the meeting of the class of '86, last week, brother A. C. Heiney was elected Historian for the class day exercises. We also had two Representatives—brothers Beldon and Shields—on the contest between the literary societies January 29th.

On the evening of January 21 brother Wat. Bradfute, editor of the *Bloomington Telephone*, met with us and gave a much appreciated talk on his fraternity experience.

January 30, 1886.

BERT FESLER.

INDIANA GAMMA, BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

SINCE our last report we have had the pleasure of introducing to the Phi world brother Emerson W. Matthews, '90, of Orange, Ind. College and fraternity circles are very quiet now. The ΣX paper has been swallowed up by a college magazine, *The Butler Collegian*, conducted by the literary societies, on the editorial board of which $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is represented by the Reporter.

We begin the year with eleven men. Two more, now out of college, will be with us next term. $\Delta T \Delta$, ΣX , and $K A \Theta$ are very quiet. $K K \Gamma$ has made the only initiation of the term. The Reporter of Rho chapter, in the last *Sigma Chi*, declares that, though the Phis claim all the college honors, the Sigs carry off quite a share. He instances being on the Governor's staff, having the best voice in college for singing, and skill in bicycling as "college honors!" His ideas on the subject are peculiar, to say the least. We have the grades.

January 28, 1886.

HUGH T. MILLER.

INDIANA DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

SINCE my last report we have initiated one man—W. G. McColey, '91. There has been an unusual amount of fraternity spirit manifested this term, owing somewhat to the elections in the oratorical association.

Brother W. W. Israel has been compelled to leave college on account of his health, but we hope he may be with us again soon. Brother J. V. Deere, who was compelled to leave college last term, is with us again. Rev. J. K. Howard, of '64, and a member of our chapter, visited here a short time ago.

Brother W. G. Olwin, Treasurer of the Oratorical Association, visited friends and Phis the 28th and 29th. We are always glad to meet and entertain any Phis when they come to our city, and hope none will pass without calling upon us.

The *K K Γ* fraternity is in an excellent condition, and also the literary societies of the college.

The strong "barb" society split last fall, part of its members organizing a local fraternity—the Epsilon Kappa Epsilon. They have eight men, and are proving themselves very energetic. They have a very favorably located hall, which is being elegantly and tastefully furnished. Their work in college and society is of a high order, and their standing as an organization is of the highest character, although they are so young. Their relations to the other fraternities have been of the friendliest character, yet they hold to an independent policy, and have secured the approval of the faculty and students in their course.

Franklin College is growing rapidly, and a good field for fraternity work is being developed, and the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ desire some good fraternity to establish a chapter here.

January 28, 1886.

HARRY GANT.

INDIANA EPSILON, HANOVER COLLEGE.

DURING the latter part of last term our college president spent two weeks visiting Princeton, Williams, Brown, Amherst, Yale, and Harvard. His object, in part, was to investigate their methods of study, marking, and of bestowing honors. In consequence, several marked changes were made at the beginning of the present term. The passing grade has been placed at 5 instead of 7, as heretofore, and the whole marking system reduced. Graduation honors have also been changed. Any student having a grade of 9.5 during the Junior and Senior years is graduated *summa cum laude*. Those with a grade of 9 receive *magna cum laude*. Those with a grade of 8 receive *cum laude*, while all below simply graduate. The exemption grades formerly allowed in the Junior and Senior classes have also been withdrawn, and all classes are examined alike. Any student is permitted to be

absent two days during the term without any excuse. These changes were very favorably received by the students, and are indicative of the progress of our school.

As to the chapter, there is not much to report. We have been devoting a large part of our time to literary work of various kinds, all of which has been exceedingly pleasant and profitable.

We are gratified to announce the return of brother H. L. Moore, formerly of '85. Brother H. C. Johnson, '89, did not return after the holidays. He intends trying to enter West Point this spring.

The chapter is deeply grateful to brother J. V. LaGrange, '86, who attested his liberality by the handsome present he made to her. His genuine love for the cause prompted him to make a Christmas present to the chapter of \$50 cash, "to be used as the chapter deemed best," and in consequence of this his praise is still sung at every meeting, and we desire to express our thanks for his generosity.

We can supply the following copies of the SCROLL to any chapters wishing to complete their files, which we should be glad to do, in exchange for others. We can supply one set of Vol. 6 complete, which we will exchange for a set of either Vol. 1, 2, 3, or 4; also one set of Vol. 7, complete, in exchange for any of the above. Also Vol. 8, 1-6 inclusive, to exchange as above. Then we have these extra copies which we can supply singly: Vol. 5, No. 2, 2 copies; No. 3, 2 copies; No. 6, 5 copies; No. 7, 1 copy; No. 8, 3 copies; Vol. 6, No. 7, 2 copies; No. 8, 3 copies; Vol. 5, Nos. 2-8, inclusive, complete, save the first number. We want No. 1, Vol. 5, No. 7, Vol. 8, No. 9, Vol. 9, to make our file complete from Vol. 5.

January 22, 1886.

CHAS. H. McCASLIN.

MICHIGAN GAMMA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

MICHIGAN GAMMA can still report progress. Our anniversary was unavoidably postponed until the evening of January 23d. The programme was excellent. The Prophecy was given by brother W. H. P. Smith, the History by brother J. E. Davidson, the Poem by brother J. N. Greene, and the Oration by "ye Reporter." It was one of the most enjoyable events in our fraternity history, and seemed to put renewed vigor and enthusiasm into each one of us.

Brother R. E. Taylor, who made us a visit during the holidays, left us as a memento of his loyalty and interest in us a fine secretary-stand. The chapter return to him a hearty vote of thanks.

Since our last report we have been deprived of the presence of brother Harris, '87, who was called to his home at Richmond, Va.

Sleighting is especially fine at present in our region of Michi-

gan, and as the Phis are not the class of fellows that let good opportunities pass them unimproved, they availed themselves of the chance of participating in the delightful sport. On the evening of January 30th a party of Phis, with ladies—thirty-two in all—visited the very pleasant home of brother Barker, a distance of eight miles from Hillsdale. It is needless to say that we spent a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Brother M. W. Fisher, one of our initiates during last fall term, is now in business in Grand Rapids, Mich. Brother Schunck, one of our charter members, paid us a visit last week. He is reading law in Toledo, Ohio.

February 1, 1886.

W. O. ROBINSON.

ZETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS DELTA, KNOX COLLEGE.

Our chapter lost eight royal good men at the close of the last collegiate year, viz. : brothers Broadbent, F. Brown, George, McClaughry, Miller, F. Moore, W. Moore, and Becker, the first five being graduated. The blow was a severe one to the chapter, but it has rallied and is again as strong as ever, with bright prospects for the future. The six lonely Phis who rekindled the fire on the fraternity hearth at the beginning of this scholastic year soon found the circle swelled to thirteen ; but at the close of last term we were doomed to say farewell to two more of our old members—brothers Bressler and Hinckley. At present writing we number eleven men, but before this letter is in type new additions are to be made to the chapter.

At the recent appointments for the annual contest in oratory two of the six contestants chosen by the faculty are $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ men—brother J. B. Brown, '86, and brother J. H. Hopkins, '87. It is universally acknowledged that they are the two strongest men in the race. We will not be surprised if they take both the prizes.

At the recent appointments for the annual Colton Prize Debate the chapter was honored by your Reporter being chosen Orator for that occasion.

Our sister $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ chapter at Lombard University, in this city, is enjoying a period of great prosperity. The two chapters frequently hold union hops and banquets. The plan is an admirable one.

There is a new Greek letter brotherhood at Knox. It is the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. It numbers eight men. We anticipate more benefit than harm from it.

Brother John Porter was recently promoted from the ranks to the position of First Sergeant, Co. A., Knox College Cadets. The promotion was due to his proficiency in drill, and was a deserved one.

February 3, 1886.

W. J. BYRNES.

ILLINOIS EPSILON, ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.

VIEWED in a general sense, this has been a very active year thus far among the students of our college, especially in college politics, and the Phis are found in the front ranks. The editor-in-chief of the college paper is from our ranks, as is also the business manager. They are assisted by one from each of the other fraternities.

The oratorical contestants this year are two Phis, two $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, one from the ΣX , one from each of the two lady fraternities.

We present to the brethren at large W. L. Wilson. '89.

The eighth anniversary of Epsilon was happily celebrated last Saturday night. It was one of the most successful gatherings given here for some time. Contrary to the usual custom, we held the exercises in our own hall, there being present our lady friends to the number of eighteen, and several members of the faculty. Excellent music was furnished by the fraternity and visitors. The refreshments were greatly enjoyed, being served by a well-known caterer. Toasts to the faculty and ladies were responded to in a happy vein, and speeches by the faculty and visiting brothers were not completed until a late hour. The secret exercises were greatly enjoyed in the afternoon. Brothers J. B. Eaton, of Devil's Lake, D. T., and Joseph Sterling were with us.

It is my painful duty to record the sad death of the first one from our ranks—brother Walter A. Ramsdell, who graduated in law here in '83, and for the past year has been city attorney at Havana, Ill. He was a highly respected member, and his death is greatly mourned. Ten members of this chapter attended his funeral in a body.

February 2, 1886.

W. L. MILLER.

ILLINOIS ZETA, LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

At the beginning of the term all our members made their re-appearance, rested and ready for another lift. There are several new students in attendance, and we are in hopes of securing one or two of these; but of this later.

Last term three prizes were offered for the best declamations, including both serious and comic pieces. Of the six chosen for the final contest, four were Phis; the two others were non-fraternity. Owing to the sickness of brother Fairchild a Delta Theta (local), formerly $\Delta T \Delta$, was given his place. We obtained one prize, through brother McConnell; the two others were taken by "barbs." We were, as was also the audience, very much surprised at the announcement of the judges, nearly all being dissatisfied, more or less, with their decision.

Allow me to correct a mistake. Under initiates of Illinois Zeta, January, Loring Pratt should be Loring Trott.

February 6, 1886.

L. WARD BRIGHAM.

WISCONSIN ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

THE new year has opened with bright prospects for Wisconsin Alpha. Brother Hover, who was away from college during the fall term, is with us again, and all our other men are here. We have also initiated F. E. Bamford, of the class of '87. All speak well of brother Bamford, and we think he is a very valuable addition to our number. He is senior captain in the University battalion.

The chief topic of conversation in fraternity circles here at present is the proposed establishment of a chapter of Alpha Delta Phi. The applicants are twelve in number. Their names have leaked out, and have been published, together with their intentions. No result has as yet been reached.

January 29, 1886.

L. R. ANDERSON.

ETA PROVINCE.

MISSOURI ALPHA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

SINCE my last report, the elections of the following Phis have taken place: Brother W. W. Clendenin, Sergeant in Mil. Co.; brother W. J. Spillman, Pres. Union Literary Society, and Essayist from same society for the "Inter-Society" Contest; brother R. M. Dooley, Orator from Union Literary Society for "Inter-Society" Contest.

Just before leaving for the holidays, one of the pleasant events of our chapter life occurred, in the shape of an informal "Open Session," whereat were gathered about 45 or 50 of the young ladies of the town, representing both beauty and culture, and also three or four of the older and influential gentlemen who have aided us by kind words and deeds at the right time. Our programme consisted of an essay, oration, two declamations, an original poem, and a discourse on "Objects and Aims of Fraternities," by brother C. B. Sebastian, '76. After the literary exercises we enjoyed an elegant supper, gotten up by the ladies of one of the churches here. Altogether, it was an event long to be remembered by the Phis present and, we hope, by the invited guests.

Province President T. S. Ridge was here before the holidays in the interest of a Province Conventon, to be held at Lawrence, Kansas, during a week of our Christmas vacation, and had Missouri Alpha wrought up to so high a pitch over the matter, that,

before he had left town, we had elected our delegate and had made up a party of five or six visiting Phis. The convention has, however, been postponed indefinitely, but we hope that Eta Province may meet in convention in June, when Missouri Alpha will surely be represented.

Brother F. N. Peters has returned, for this semester's work, from his home at Shelbina, where he has been teaching, and also brother W. F. Knox, who has been travelling for the past year, has returned for the work of the semester and he wears an elegant diamond badge.

The long expected contest for the "Junior Oratorical Medal" resulted in the victory of brother H. R. Williams.

We have just completed our semi-annual examinations, and consequently feel much relieved and are now ready to start in the new semester with renewed ardor.

Σ N has been established here with five men. We wish her success.

January 25, 1886.

H. W. CLARK.

MISSOURI BETA, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report the continued growth in strength and influence of Missouri B.

At the recent contest in reading, the two contestants from the Philologic Society were Phis, brothers Young and Reaser, as also brother Wilkerson, of the Philalethian Society, thus giving us three out of the four contestants elected.

We are justly proud of the splendid performance of these brothers. The first prize, a handsome silver water set, consisting of pitcher, goblets, tray, &c., was awarded to brother Howell Reaser, the second, to brother S. Ed. Young.

We seldom think of mentioning honors and offices of the literary societies, they seem to be ours as a matter of course. I hope this will be in time for the February SCROLL.

JOHN GALLAHER.

KANSAS ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

ALTHOUGH the members of Kansas Alpha are very busy this year, yet the fraternity spirit does not diminish. Our meetings are enlivened by more music than formerly, and the boys come early and stay late—a proof of the chapter's attractions. Not only is there harmony within, but also Φ Δ Θ is at peace with her rivals. There has been considerable wrangling over the two college *Couriers*, weeklies, but the chapter has contrived to keep out of the fight. In such matters it has been our policy to let the members act as *individuals*, to do as they choose, and the result has been very satisfactory.

Two weeks ago we received an invitation from the *B Θ Π*, to carve a "dorg" with them, and the two chapters spent a very pleasant evening together. We do not regret our lesson in anatomy.

On January 23d, brother E. F. Caldwell, '85, was with us, making it seem like old times. Brother S. M. Cook, "Uncle Sam," has married, and he and his wife are at home in Solomon City, Kas. Last Saturday, brother J. W. O'Bryon, '88, was in town. He is teaching with great success.

February 1, 1886.

W. E. HIGGINS.

NEBRASKA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

THE winter term opened with about the usual number of students. All the Phis who were here during the fall term have again returned.

The Senior Class has arranged with the Faculty to shorten Commencement Exercises by cutting the number of speakers down to four. Brother G. B. Frankforter has been elected to represent the graduates of the Scientific Department on that day.

Letters from brother A. A. Brooks, at Geneva, and brother H. C. Atwell (Tabor, Ia.), who expects to come here in a year or two, manifest an interest in *Φ Δ Θ* which speaks well for Vermont Alpha.

January 31st, 1886.

JAMES R. FOREE.

The following were received too late for classification :

GEORGIA BETA, EMORY COLLEGE.

SINCE my last report nothing of special importance has occurred in this part of the fraternity world. Elections are all past and nothing demands the attention of fraternity men, except the regular college work.

On the 13th inst. Georgia Beta lost one of her best members, brother J. E. Lee, of Leesburg, Fla., who died of pneumonia, after an illness of about three weeks. Brother Lee was in the Freshman class, and had already distinguished himself by his scholarship, and had he lived he would have won the highest honors. Phi Delta Theta never lost a more valiant son.

February 25, 1886.

R. W. TRIMBLE.

NEW YORK DELTA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

THE ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION has occupied our attention for the past month, and we have very little chapter news to report, except the initiation of Mr. Edward F. McCaskie, '86, and Mr.

John B. A. Mullaly, '87. Mr. McCaskie is the editor of the *Columbia Jurist*, and both have already shown themselves to be valuable fraternity men.

February 27, 1886.

E. P. COLLENDER.

MINNEAPOLIS ALUMNI.

At a meeting of the resident alumni Phi Delta Thetas, held at the Nicollet House, December 11, 1885, an alumni chapter was formed, of which the following officers were elected: E. Junius Edwards, President; H. S. Abbott, Secretary; Jas. Gray, Reporter; Chas. Gould, Warden.

There are upwards of thirty Phis now in business and professional work in the city. Last evening (January 8th) the college and alumni chapters held a joint banquet at the West Hotel, of which the following newspaper clippings will give you an idea:

PHI DELTA THETA.

The banquet given by the Minneapolis alumni chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the West, last evening, was attended by twenty-eight members of that fraternity resident in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The following were present:

Prof. H. L. Moore, Dartmouth College; H. G. Cates, Colby University; E. J. Edwards, Lombard; Max Vander Horck, James Gray and H. S. Abbott, University of Minnesota; W. R. Grey, University of Iowa; A. G. Briggs and D. F. Simpson, University of Wisconsin; Rev. T. B. Greenlee, Miami College; J. L. Ludlow, Lafayette; W. M. Irving, Butler University (at present of Macalester College); Lieut. C. C. Tidd, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, U.S. A., Fort Snelling; J. C. E. King, George E. Burnell, J. M. Anderson, Luther Twitchell, H. W. Thompson, W. W. Sargent, W. J. Donahower, R. L. Moffit, E. M. Spaulding, E. W. Spottswood, Charles A. Savage, H. G. Richardson, M. K. Knauff, W. R. Brown, and C. A. Gould.

At the conclusion of the feasting the toast-master, D. F. Simpson, read a brief letter of regret from ex-Gov. Ramsey, an honored member of the fraternity. A similar letter was read from Post-master-General Vilas. A number of toasts were informally responded to as follows:

"Greek Letter Societies," H. S. Abbott; "The Alumni Chapter," E. Junius Edwards; "The Local Chapter," George E. Burnell; "The Maids of Athens," J. C. E. King.

Brief remarks were also made by James Gray, Max Vander Horck, of Fort Sisseton, A. G. Briggs, of St. Paul, J. Lott Ludlow, W. R. Brown, R. M. Knauff, E. M. Spottswood, and H. S. Abbott. At the conclusion of the speaking the alumni members

held their annual meeting, and the preceding officers were re-elected, as follows :

President, E. J. Edwards ; Secretary and Treasurer, H. S. Abbott ; Historian, James Gray ; Warden, C. A. Gould.

The Phi Delta Theta is one of the strong Greek letter chapters at the State University. A chapter-house is being talked of.—*St. Paul and Minneapolis Pioneer Press.*

A PHI DELTA THETA REUNION.

The first annual joint banquet of the Phi Delta Theta college and alumni chapters of Minnesota was held at the West Hotel last evening. The gentlemen of the fraternity, which ranks as one of the most prosperous of the Greek letter organizations known to college days, were present in numbers gratifying to those interested in it in Minnesota. Previous to the supper a meeting of the alumni chapter was held in the parlors for the election of officers and the completion of its organization. Mr. E. J. Edwards, Jr., was chosen president ; Mr. H. S. Abbott, secretary, and Charles Gould, warden. The banquet came next, to which the following gentlemen sat down : Messrs. J. M. Anderson, Max Vander Horck, George E. Burnell, Howard Abbott, Luther Twitchell, F. Gray, E. J. Edwards, J. C. King, E. Spottswood, Horace Cates, D. F. Simpson, W. W. Sargeant, R. L. Moffett, W. R. Brown, M. K. Knauff, W. J. Donahower, H. W. Thompson, James Gray, E. M. Spaulding, A. W. Briggs, J. L. Ludlow, and C. A. Savage.

After doing full justice to the several courses, which were interspersed with enlivening college songs, Mr. D. F. Simpson, acting as toast-master, introduced the speakers, who occupied the balance of the evening with speeches and reminiscences interesting to the initiated and humorous in the measure of innocent personalities. Mr. Edwards spoke for the alumni chapter, and Mr. Burnell for the Minnesota Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta, while Mr. Abbott responded to Greek letter fraternities in general.

Mr. J. C. E. King spoke for the ladies under the caption, "The Maids of Athens," and Messrs. Ludlow and Cates made some extemporaneous remarks upon their native States of New Jersey and Maine, respectively. A letter was read from ex-Gov. A. Ramsey, who was once a member of the organization, regretting his inability to be present at this meeting. The evening was whiled away to a late hour with songs and other exercises incident to banquets. Several resident members, and among others Prof. H. L. Moore, Rev. T. B. Greenlee, and Mr. A. M. Shuey, of this city, could not be present on account of other engagements.—*Minneapolis Daily Tribune.*

January 9, 1886.

JAS. GRAY.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

MARRIED.

FOSTER—HATHAWAY.—February 17th, at the residence of the bride's father, Madison, Wisconsin, C. A. Foster to Florence Hathaway. Our worthy T. G. C. was a member of the class of '81, University of Wisconsin, and the bride a member of the class of '85 of the same institution, and also a member of the Oota chapter of the Delta Gamma Society. The happy couple will reside at Trenton, Mo., where brother Foster is engaged in the drug business.

A MATRIMONIAL epidemic seems to have attacked our Wisconsin Phis. In the past month D. F. Simpson, of '82, was married to Miss Josephine Sarles, of '83, a first honor student and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. D. S. McArthur, '81, was married to Miss Johnson, also of '81, and a Delta Gamma; McClellan Dodge, of '84, to Miss Lizzie Only.

INITIATES.

MAINE ALPHA.

- '86. Irving La Forrest Townsend, Waterville, Me.
- '87. Orris Lyford Beverage, North Haven, Me.
- '87. Fred Raymond Bowman, Sidney, Me.
- '87. Everett Edwin Burleigh, Houlton, Me.
- '87. Roscoe William Harvey, Readfield, Me.
- '89. Parker Prescott Burleigh, Houlton, Me.
- '89. Hiram Everett Farnham, Belgrade, Me.
- '89. Nelson Sinclair Burbank, Jefferson, Me.

NEW YORK GAMMA.

- '89. Franklin I. Brown, New York, N. Y.

NEW YORK DELTA.

- '86. Edward Francis McCaskie, Sing Sing, N. Y.
- '87. John B. Adgar Mullaly, Charleston, S. C.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

- '87. James Miller Hill, Thompsonville, Pa. (Initiated '85, but not reported.)
- '87. James Ross Bell, Idlewood, Pa. (Initiated '85, but not reported.)
- '87. Arthur Henry Ewing, Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pa.
- '89. James Powers Blackburn, Jacobs Creek, Pa.

- '89. George Robinson Edmundson, Remington, Pa.
- '89. William Seward Hamilton Haymaker, Monroesville, Pa.
- '90. Walter Guitteau Hays, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- '90. John Biddle Clark, Washington, Pa. (Initiated '85, but not reported.)
- '90. Charles Gaston Hindman Williams, Monongahela City, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

- '89. Ralph B. Reitz, Stanton, Pa.
- '90. Edwin P. Crousse, Shakleyville, Pa.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

- '86. Frank Singleton Stone, Mobile, Ala.
- '88. John Ellison Foy, Egypt, Ga.

GEORGIA BETA.

- '88. Edgar Stamps Kelley, Palmetto, Ga.
- '88. *Claude Nathaniel Bennett.*
- '89. Charles Thurston Roan, Fairburn, Ga.

GEORGIA GAMMA.

- '88. George Mills Overstreet, Mitchelton, Ga.

OHIO BETA.

- '88. Henry Vergil Stevens, Delaware, Ohio.

INDIANA ALPHA.

- '90. Frederick *Bruce* Shields, Bloomington, Ind.

INDIANA GAMMA.

- '90. *George Burgess Davis, North Salem, Ind.*
- '90. Emerson Waldo Matthews, Orange, Ind.

INDIANA DELTA.

- '91. Wm. Grant McColley, White Lake, Ind.

MICHIGAN GAMMA.

- '87. William Hawley Perry Smith, Dale, N. Y.
- '88. Erastus Devillo Palmer, Clare, Mich.
- '88. Milan Wright Fisher, Rome City, Ind.
- '89. Clark Gilbert Corey, Money Creek, Minn.
- '89. Oliver Willard Pierce, Hillsdale, Mich.

OHIO ALPHA OF PHI KAPPA PSI.

THE RECORD | OF THE | OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER | PHI KAPPA PSI. | Com-
 piled and edited | by W. H. Gamble, '88, O. W. U., | Registrar of the
 Chapter, | E. M. Van Cleve, '86, O. W. U., | Delaware, Ohio, | Ohio
 Wesleyan University, | 1885 ;—16mo, pp. 216.

IT is with sincere pleasure that we congratulate the editors of this modest little book. We welcome all efforts to preserve the history of chapters and chapter members as valuable contributions to fraternity literature. The greater portion of the work is devoted to the biography of the members of the chapter. We note, among other names of less prominence, those of Professors Dolbear, of Tufts, and White, of Harvard, and Governor Foraker, of Ohio. THE HISTORY OF OHIO ALPHA, OHIO ALPHA REMINISCENCES, AND OHIO ALPHA'S INFANCY, are all well told ; and the poem, A SONG OF PHI KAPPA PSI, is of unusual merit. Limited space prevents as extended a notice as we would wish. The book is one which should be a source of pride to its editors, the chapter, and the fraternity.

THE ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

THE first convention of Alpha Province was held in New York on February 12th and 13th, 1886, under the auspices of the local alumni and chapters. Three secret business sessions were held, and many questions of moment to the fraternity and the Province were discussed. A permanent organization was effected by the election of W. R. Worrall, Kentucky Alpha, '79, President ; T. M. B. Hicks, Pennsylvania Epsilon, '85, First Vice-President ; T. L. Jeffords, Vermont Alpha, '86, Second Vice-President ; A. J. Montgomery, Jr., Pennsylvania Gamma, '86, Secretary ; L. C. Felthousen, New York Beta, '86, Treasurer ; W. H. Carey, Pennsylvania Alpha, '88, Historian ; W. S. Ferris, Massachusetts Alpha, '85, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The local alumni were represented through their delegates, D. R. Horton, New York Alpha, '75, and J. B. Shaw, Pennsylvania Alpha, '85, and took an active interest in the proceedings. Dr. J. M. Worrall, Ohio Alpha, '48, was present to aid in many valuable suggestions. A motion was carried providing for the printing of the minutes of the convention, and it therefore will not be necessary in this notice to go into details.

The delegates were as follows :

Maine Alpha, I. L. Townsend and R. A. Metcalfe ; New Hampshire Alpha, G. E. Whitehill and G. W. Shaw ; Vermont Alpha, T. L. Jeffords and H. C. Chase ; Massachusetts Alpha, W. S. Ferris and W. D. Mapes ; New York Alpha, G. W. Stephens and E. C. Boynton, Jr. ; New York Beta, L. C. Felt-

housen and E. S. C. Harris; New York Gamma, A. Shiels and F. A. Winslow (B. S. Orcutt, alternate); New York Delta, T. H. Baskerville and J. B. Kerfoot; (Alternates, L. Wampold, Jr., and R. H. Stodder); Pennsylvania Alpha, W. H. Carey and A. H. Cleveland; Pennsylvania Beta, C. T. Aikens and T. M. Culver (proxy); Pennsylvania Gamma, A. J. Montgomery, Jr., and W. Wallace; Pennsylvania Delta, F. L. Wells and W. P. Murray; Pennsylvania Epsilon, T. M. B. Hicks and J. B. Stein; New York Alpha Alumni, D. R. Horton and J. B. Shaw.

Visiting members were: Maine Alpha, H. A. Smith; New York Beta, F. W. Skinner, J. E. Swanker, H. McMillan and T. W. Allen; New York Gamma, C. A. Downer, F. J. Greene, B. S. Orcutt, E. F. Palmer, S. W. Dunscombe, Jr., M. Carnes, F. I. Brown, J. W. Naramore, and Howard Treat; New York Delta, J. B. A. Mullally, R. H. Stodder, F. Zinsser, E. P. Callender, J. M. Mayer, E. F. McCaskie, W. D. Mahaney, H. L. Hollis, and B. H. Miner; Pennsylvania Alpha, H. L. Moore, Edgar Jadwin, and W. L. Lenhart; Pennsylvania Gamma, J. L. Hines; Pennsylvania Epsilon, T. M. Culver; Wisconsin Alpha, J. W. Blakey and G. A. Buckstaff; New York Alpha Alumni, L. C. Adamson (Georgia Alpha, '82), Glenn Andrews (Tennessee Alpha, '83), C. P. Bassett (Pennsylvania Alpha, '83), A. A. Bird (Pennsylvania Alpha, '84), Paul Jones (Tennessee Alpha, '79), J. S. Penman (New York Gamma, '86), Dr. J. M. Worrall (Ohio Alpha, '48), C. A. Walker (Pennsylvania Alpha, '83), F. M. Devoe, Jr (New York Gamma, '85), P. C. Slaughter (Wisconsin Alpha, '79), E. C. Blain (Georgia Alpha, '84), M. R. Earl (Pennsylvania Alpha, '84).

At the banquet at Morelli's, on Friday evening, February 12, enthusiasm reigned supreme. The toast card ran as follows:

Toastmaster, CARROLL P. BASSETT.

"The Fraternity," WILLIAM R. WORRALL, Kentucky Alpha.

"The Alpha Province," J. B. SHAW, Pennsylvania Alpha.

"The National Convention," A. J. MONTGOMERY, Jr., Pennsylvania Gamma, and WILLIAM D. MAPES, Massachusetts Alpha.

"Our Babies," E. C. BOYNTON, Jr., New York Alpha.

"From Ocean to Ocean," R. A. METCALFE, Maine Alpha.

Brother Hicks responded to brother Shaw's toast, owing to the latter's illness, and brother Whitehill, New Hampshire Alpha, to brother Metcalfe's.

The speakers spoke ably upon the subjects allotted to them, and the regular responses were supplemented by impromptu remarks.

Dr. Worrall, when called upon for "Ohio Alpha," spoke with eloquence indeed. The fraternity, as he viewed it, was the link which bound the old days with the present. The great problem in life was how to keep alive the enthusiasm of youth. As men

grew older, as business cares weighed heavily and anxieties were pressing, the old love for better things was lost. Yet $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ kept awake the old memories, brought together the old companions at occasions of this kind, and thus ever and anon brought many joyful hours, even in manhood.

The doctor's speech expressed those indefinable pleasures of Phi life, which seemed incapable of being put into words.

Letters from John C. Black, Wm. F. Vilas, J. C. S. Blackburn, Dr. Charles Elliot and Robert Morrison were full of kind wishes and hopes for the occasion.

Many other letters were read and their writers cheered to the echo, and in all the banquet was a brilliant success.

In the course of the convention, a meeting was held by the Pennsylvania delegates, and a State association organized, with T. M. B. Hicks (Pa. E), President, and A. H. Cleveland (Pa. A) Vice-President.

The delegates gave full attention to the question of Eastern Extension, the Extension Fund, and other points of equal importance.

The next convention will be held in April, 1886 or 1887, at Easton, Pa.

In Memoriam.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Jan. 16, 1886.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at a session of Epsilon Chapter at its regular session :

Whereas, It has pleased God in his all wise providence to remove from his labors on this earth our beloved brother, J. Walter Ramsdell; therefore be it

Resolved, That Illinois Epsilon chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity has lost, in the death of brother Ramsdell, a devoted brother, a worthy alumnus, and the fraternity at large a valued and honored member; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our sympathy with the bereaved family of our deceased brother by forwarding to them a copy of these resolutions, and communicate the grief and loss to the fraternity at large by having them published in our national organ, the SCROLL.

R. E. WILLIAMS, JR.,	} Committee.
A. W. VANNEMAN,	
W. L. MILLER.	

At a special meeting of Pennsylvania Alpha of Phi Delta Theta the following resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, It has pleased God in his almighty providence to

take from us our former friend and brother, Forrest Hulings ; therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death Pennsylvania Alpha of Phi Delta Theta loses a faithful and worthy alumnus, and the fraternity at large an ardent supporter.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, and that they be published in the SCROLL.

A. F. CLEVELAND, } Committee.
E. JADWIN.

HALL OF GEORGIA BETA CHAPTER, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

WHEREAS, In His wisdom, God has seen fit to take from us our brother and companion, Jason E. Lee ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death our chapter has lost one of its brightest and most faithful members, the fraternity at large a loyal son, and the world one in whom the right always found a defender, and who was, and would, had he lived, have ever been a blessing to society.

Resolved, That these expressions of our grief be communicated to our brethren elsewhere through our organ, the SCROLL.

Resolved, That a copy of the SCROLL containing these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family.

W. W. DAVES, } Committee.
W. P. THOMAS, }
R. W. TRIMBLE, }

NOTICES.

THE MANUAL.

OWING to brother Palmer's return from abroad, the publication of the MANUAL will be hastened. The editors hope to have it in press at an early date. Reporters who have not sent in data will do so at once to Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., in whose hands the manuscript now is.

WALTER B. PALMER,
J. M. MAYER.

BROTHER RANDOLPH desires to thank, through the SCROLL, the many brothers who have shown their solicitude for him in numerous kind ways. I regret to announce that he has not as yet recovered.

J. M. MAYER.

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THE FIRST TEN VOLUMES OF THE SCROLL.

I. HISTORICAL REVIEW.

THE close of the tenth volume is a particularly appropriate time to furnish a history of the SCROLL during the successive years of its publication. When the first number appeared, over eleven years ago, there were but two fraternity organs—viz., the *Beta Theta Pi*, and the *Chi Phi Quarterly*. Since then nearly all fraternities have ventured upon the journalistic field. The life of the SCROLL has been full of vicissitudes, but the journal has steadily increased in favor with Phis, and its usefulness has increased *pari passu* with the remarkable growth of the Fraternity. The SCROLL has really been the most important factor in the Fraternity's development, and its continuance is absolutely essential to the maintenance of the present gratifying state of prosperity of Phi Delta Theta. During the period embraced by the first ten volumes it has been published in six different places. It was first issued as a quarterly, and after a suspension of two years it reappeared as a monthly paper, subsequently to take on the magazine form. The staff of editors has changed often. The ten volumes contain nearly 2,500 pages, and include many articles on fraternity subjects of no small literary merit, and many more of great historical interest. The labor of reviewing this large amount of printed matter, and of preparing a table of contents, list of titles and subjects, and index of contributors has been onerous, but the importance of the completed work and the uses to which it can be applied have been sufficient incentive. It is doubtful whether there exists another complete set of the SCROLL besides that used in this compilation. In fact, the completion of this set required several years of search; and the difficulty which was experienced suggests the advice that each chapter (not to speak of individual members doing likewise) should exert itself to make its files as perfect as possible, and have each volume bound separately. This much they owe to Phi posterity, who will thus be provided with a repository of information concerning the past history of the Fraternity.

PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

The first proposition to establish a journal devoted to Phi Delta Theta of which any record has been found originated in 1865, with R. A. D. Wilbanks, the most active Phi of that time. The following extract from one of his letters of that date explains the plan:

What will the members of Grand Chapter think when they learn that the chapter of Phis at this University (Chicago) are conducting a *magazine*? Well, you shall be made apprised of the fact. It is to be a *quarterly*, the first number to appear the first of next January. It is designed as the organ of our Fraternity, and our corps of editors will cheerfully insert after the first number articles from the pen of any Phi. We so solicit, and shall expect it. It will contain over one hundred and fifty pages of purely literary matter, and as our design is not to accumulate funds, but to promote the best interests of our brotherhood in general, we shall charge only enough to pay expenses, and nothing more. The price will not exceed \$1 per year. How many copies will your chapter take, provided, of course, you approve of the merits of the *Quarterly* after you have examined the first number? We may have touched on a lofty strain in thus giving publication to our effusions, but we trust to gain the approbation of a large circle of friends. We have poets, historians, and biographers, classical and scientific writers among us. We shall not challenge criticism, yet will not avoid it if it is thrust at us. There is no telling what may be done when a unity of purpose guides every movement. I do not know what the feeling is that pervades the members of Grand Chapter, but with us it is to raise our Society to a level with the highest, and to make the *Quarterly* our chief pillar. We will, however, be liberal, and share our laurels with all the chapters of our noble brotherhood. Will you not give us an encouraging word? *

In the fall of 1865, after two years of useful fraternity work in Indiana University, Wilbanks went to the University of Chicago, where he succeeded in organizing a chapter, the formal installation of which, however, was postponed until the following January, when the exercises were really imposing. He suggested the features of the coat of arms (including the sword addition to the shield), and J. F. Gookins, who was of an artistic turn, arranged the details of the design. Wilbanks was nothing if not enthusiastic, of which no better evidence is needed than his proposition to publish at that time a fraternity quarterly aggregating over six hundred pages a year. Only six chapters were then in operation (Indiana, Centre, Wabash, Butler, Michigan, and Chicago), and it is small wonder that this ambitious project failed. However, the zealous projector is entitled to admiration and praise, and his enthusiasm is worthy of emulation.

In the SCROLL for April, 1875, H. C. Jones writes: "If I mistake not, the SCROLL owes its existence to a suggestion from the Ohio Beta (then the Ohio University chapter), which was made at the Danville convention in 1872, by our delegate, Brother P. S. Goodwin." The minutes of the 1872 convention show

* R. A. D. Wilbanks to John St. John Boyle, Oct. 17, 1865: archives of Kentucky Alpha.

that Goodwin was a delegate, but make no mention of him or any one else proposing to establish a fraternity journal. Whether the establishment of a journal was then discussed, and the secretary failed to record the fact, is a question that probably will remain unanswered, as the following letter from E. H. Baker, will explain:

I received a few days ago from you a letter addressed to P. S. Goodwin, inquiring as to the origin of the SCROLL. I am sorry to inform you that Mr. Goodwin has been dead for over a year, and that your letter came into my hands as the administrator of his estate. However, Mr. G. and I were old business associates, and both members of the Ohio Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta. I know that he was a delegate to the Danville convention, but whether or not he made any suggestion as to the SCROLL I cannot say, as I was not in college with him, and I never heard him mention the matter. Mr. H. C. Jones, of whom you speak, was, however, in college at the time, and knows more about it than I. Possibly Emmett Tompkins, of Athens, Ohio, could give you the desired information.*

In the minutes of the National Convention of 1873 (the first ever printed) we read that "on motion of D. B. Floyd a committee was appointed to devise some means of publishing a Phi paper." Floyd was one of the charter members of the Indiana Asbury (De Pauw) chapter, and he organized the Roanoke and Pennsylvania College chapters. The committee, composed of V. C. Stiers, W. N. Pickerill, and D. B. Floyd, made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the publication of a periodical to represent the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, would recommend the project of publishing a monthly organ; but, mindful of the unfortunate experience of the literary newspaper enterprises in the past, and the danger such enterprises are likely to encounter in the future when unsupported by sufficient capital, your committee would recommend the appointment of a committee of three, consisting of at least one practical newspaper man, and centrally situated, to which committee shall be referred the work of ascertaining the amount of patronage from subscriptions and advertisements that can be obtained in support of the periodical; and to enter into and have power to close an arrangement with some publishing house, upon which said committee can agree for the publishing and circulation of the same, providing always that the cost of such periodical shall receive its support from subscriptions, advertisements, and voluntary donations. Your committee would also recommend that the committee on publication also have power to select editors for such paper, to be selected from the Fraternity, and to retain their editorship until the next annual convention, at which time the editors for the ensuing year shall be selected by the convention.

On motion, the report was adopted; and in accordance therewith, W. N. Pickerill, R. S. Blount, and Harry Jones were appointed as a committee. To the convention of 1874 the first-named member of the committee sent a lengthy communication, of which this is an extract:

* E. H. Baker to W. B. Palmer, July 16, 1886.

The financial crisis has made the publication of a Phi monthly, at any time since the meeting of the last convention, an utterly futile project, and the undersigned does not believe the time has yet arrived for the successful carrying out of such work, unless there is guaranteed at least eight hundred paid up subscribers at two dollars per copy.

It will be seen that Pickerill, like Wilbanks, did not believe in the day of small things. Of course the Fraternity at that time was not able to support a journal at a cost of \$1,600 a year. But though we can see now that it was idle to talk about such large plans as those suggested by Wilbanks and Pickerill, we must remember that they did not have the benefit of experience in fraternity journalism. On motion of S. W. Carpenter, Pickerill's report was laid on the table to be taken up again. Two days later the following resolution offered by Carpenter was adopted :

Resolved, That Brothers A. B. Thrasher and S. J. Tomlinson, of the Indiana Gamma, and W. O. Bates, of the New York Alpha, be hereby authorized to act as a board of editors in the issuing of a quarterly paper devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; that the management of the paper be left in their hands exclusively, as a purely business transaction, they to decide on the size and style of the paper, and then find out what can be raised by advertisements and subscriptions, and then to use their own judgment in regard to whether the paper will succeed or not, assuming the pecuniary responsibility of its success or failure if they decide to issue it. If one of the board appointed refuse to serve, the other two shall have power to choose some other one to serve with them; and if two or three refuse to serve, the President of the Fraternity shall have power to appoint editors to the vacancy.

This was getting down to something practical. Carpenter's plan was put into operation. This convention was held in May, 1874. In five months from that time the following prospectus was issued :

PROSPECTUS
OF THE
PHI DELTA THETA QUARTERLY.
(*Cut of Arms.*)

INDIANAPOLIS, October 17th, 1874.

To all Phi Delta Thetas, greeting :

Be it known that the undersigned members of the committee appointed by the convention to publish a quarterly devoted to the interest of the Fraternity, having associated with themselves Brother J. C. Norris as secretary of the committee, do hereby present the following plan and prospectus of the same :

The magazine will be a handsome forty-eight page quarterly, printed in small pica and bourgeois type, on heavy tinted paper, bound in stiff paper cover, bearing our coat of arms in a new and attractive form, and will be published at Indianapolis. It will be issued about November 15th, and every two and one-half months thereafter, and will be called the PHI DELTA THETA QUARTERLY.

The subject-matter will be divided into three departments: First, the literary department proper, which will include editorials on literary mat-

ters, discussions and correspondence on general interests of the Fraternity, and miscellaneous literary articles. This department will be edited by Brothers S. J. Tomlinson and W. O. Bates. Second, the alumni department, under the supervision of Brother A. B. Thrasher, A.B. In it will be found correspondence from old members, notices of changes of residence or occupation, marriages, deaths, etc. It is hoped to make this an important feature, forming, as it will, a pleasant means of intercommunication for our alumni with each other and with the working members. Correspondence is earnestly solicited from old members in regard to their present doings and whereabouts, and reminiscences of the good old days when they tread the secret chambers of the classic walls. The third department will be devoted to the active workings of the Fraternity, and will contain reports of conventions, hints from the Grand Banker, all business and financial communications not necessarily *sub rosa*, a quarterly report from each chapter of its workings and general welfare, with such news from the different colleges and fraternities as may be considered of general interest. This will, in a measure, obviate the necessity for the laborious and insufficient correspondence hitherto employed and preserve in a permanent form a history of the Fraternity. Each chapter should elect its local correspondent, and at once send in its report. These reports should be brief, spicy, and not private, as we shall aim to publish a magazine which shall be of interest to the public.

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To the Members of the Phi Delta Theta:

BRETHREN—It is my pleasant duty to announce to you the prompt and exceedingly promising report of the committee appointed at our last National Convention to devise means of publishing a Phi Delta Theta Quarterly. It is estimated that with a subscription-list of four hundred they can carry on successfully a forty-eight page magazine. It is unnecessary for me to speak of the decided need of such an instrument to keep up the much-needed communication between the chapters as well as between the alumni members.

We have excelled all other Fraternities in our progress during the last six years, and that has been accomplished chiefly by keeping a close communication by letters, conventions, and printed minutes; by letting each other know what is being done, thus inspiring each other with renewed exertion to build up Phi Delta Theta. Of these results of the efforts, though made under difficulty, we are all proud. The proposed periodical will immeasurably assist us in keeping up this inspiration. I have no doubt but that it will greatly excel the letter system.

The work of the matter has been placed to the hands of Brothers Allen B. Thrasher, S. J. Tomlinson, W. O. Bates, and J. C. Norris, committee.

I am personally acquainted with the ability of all these gentlemen, and most heartily recommend them to your confidence. They are all alive to what is needed; and with the ability and integrity that I know they possess, we can rest assured the interest of the Fraternity will receive proper attention, and a magazine be produced worthy of the patronage of the whole membership.

I hope you will not be slow about responding to their call for material aid in this important work.

I am, with much hope, your obedient servant,

C. D. WHITEHEAD, President,
Indianapolis, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 1, 1874.

To the Brothers in the Bond, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity:

In my judgment, one of the best things that the Phi Delta Theta Convention of 1874 did was to put on foot the publication of a literary journal in the interests of the Fraternity. We need some messenger to go to the home and heart of each brother, and tell him how the cause speeds on its way, to call up past associations, and keep the fires burning on the altar. There is no better means of accomplishing this than by the plan proposed, and I trust every brother will give it the encouragement it deserves.

I am personally acquainted with the members of the committee, and knowing them to be men of business experience and literary ability, honest and correct, I heartily commend them and the enterprise to the confidence and support of every member of the Fraternity. I do not think the convention could have chosen more wisely, and with proper encouragement I predict a brilliant and permanent success for the enterprise.

CHAS. O. PERRY,
Grand Banker Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.*

VOLUME I., 1875.

The first number of the SCROLL, dated January, 1875, was issued according to the plan announced in the prospectus. The

* Perhaps the only copy of the prospectus extant is that in the possession of A. G. Foster. His kind loan of it makes possible its republication here.

cover bore the inscription: "The SCROLL: (*cut of arms*) A Quarterly Magazine Devoted to the Interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity," with "Table of Contents" beneath. As there were three departments, so there was the unusual circumstance of three salutations. From the first of these, presumably written by S. J. Tomlinson, editor of the literary department, the following is taken:

Our intention is to give, as nearly as lies within our power, all the fraternity news; to afford columns for the free and full discussion of all questions bearing on the welfare of the Fraternity or its members; to present a variety of literary productions; and, withal, to constitute a bond of union between chapters and between our members.

In the salutatory of the alumni department, A. B. Thrasher wrote:

Had it not been for the unbounded enthusiasm of the other members of the committee, and the generous assistance which they so kindly rendered me, I should have been loath to have undertaken this publication. But now that we have undertaken it, I unite with them in saying that it must not fail. I conceive that it would have been better never to have started this magazine than, having started it, to let it die.

W. O. Bates, who presided over the fraternity department, wrote:

When the editors of this periodical began their labor, they were resting under the usual impression in such cases, that it would "supply a long-felt want." On account of the rapid manner in which subscriptions failed to come in, they have been obliged to create this want by laborious personal application. They have, however, consoled themselves with the maxim usually instilled into youthful minds with the croup and measles, viz.: that we are not always anxious to take what will do us good.

He promised that "the SCROLL will be published for at least one year." Editorial heroism was evinced in the following:

Correspondents will notice that, in a few instances, we have taken the editorial privilege of abridging articles and changing their form. There have been thus pruned away the address, introduction, and closing formula, "Yours in the bond," etc., general reflections on the magnitude and excellence of the Fraternity, and whatever pertained to the formality of a private letter without giving any definite information.

The following shows that the delusive hope that the SCROLL would be kept *sub rosa* was entertained:

As this department is intended to entirely supersede the laborious and insufficient correspondence previously carried on, the reports should approximate newsy, gossiping letters between old friends in different chapters. The entire privacy of the publication allows this friendly freedom, as, from its very nature, it will be held as sacred from outside perusal as a private letter.

Since the prospectus was issued the views of the staff about the propriety of keeping the SCROLL *sub rosa* had changed, as stated in this announcement:

STRICTLY SUB ROSA. — After reconsidering their first decision, the

managers of the SCROLL decided that it would be best to conduct the paper *sub rosa*. By this means we are enabled to give a vast amount of news that could not otherwise be given. When we say *sub rosa*, it is understood in this case that a select few of the *fair* friends of the golden shield are under the same rose-tree with their stouter brothers.

Thus the *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL was established, a character which adhered to it for many years. The division into three departments was not closely adhered to. Throughout the volume the literary department contained a number of articles on fraternity subjects exclusively, and the alumni department had articles which, by strict classification, would fall under the literary department. The minutes of the 1875 convention appear in the July number. On motion of G. E. Patterson, it was

Resolved, That the convention recommend to the editors of the SCROLL its publication six times per college year, and also that the convention and Order do pledge it their hearty support.

Upon which resolution Bates remarked editorially:

In regard to publishing the SCROLL six instead of four times a year, we can only say that if the Fraternity thinks it can (financially) stand two numbers more per year, we are ready to get them out.

On motion of W. E. Keener, it was

Resolved, That each chapter be required to report for each issue of the SCROLL. Any chapter failing to do the same shall be fined five dollars, and if not paid on the demand of the Grand Banker the same shall be doubled, and if not paid on the second demand the said chapter shall be subject to forfeiture of charter.

This exactly suited Bates, as the following shows:

The action of the convention making it pecuniarily painful for those chapters not handing in reports meets our heartiest approval. Notice is hereby given that the laws of the Medes and Persians will withdraw abashed in presence of the mathematical inflexibility with which these fines will be collected.

However, an instance of the infliction of these severe penalties probably never occurred, though the November number contained the following notice to delinquents:

Those chapters not having reports in this issue will find authority on page 130 of last number for remitting \$5 each to His Financial Highness, the Grand Banker. Told you so.

The following paragraphs, the first from the July and the second from the November number, show that Bates had an eye to business as well as to furnishing the Fraternity with literary pabulum:

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, but the SCROLL still retails at \$1.10. "It is a point we long to know" why some of our subscribers continue to peril their future happiness by failing to pay the printer.

With an organization second to none in the South; undeniably the most powerful Fraternity in the vast region drained by the Ohio, while our chapters in New York, Pennsylvania, and Old Virginia send words of

welcome three thousand miles across the continent to their sister on the shores of the peaceful Pacific; with the zeal of a Caesar for conquest, and the strength and energy of a youthful giant awakened from refreshing sleep—who shall say that our influence is limited, and that our quarter century is not the opening chorus of a symphony that shall ring down the ages with the inspiring melody of fraternal song? Notwithstanding all this glory, the SCROLL will still be sold at the old price, \$1.10.

And on the cover of the November number was displayed the following humorous advertisement:

TAKE THE CENTENNIAL SCROLL!

IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Warranted to stand in any climate, free from blemishes, sound and kind, costs nothing to run it, and a sure cure for chilblains and blasted hopes.

OBSERVE ITS EFFECTS: Before taking (*cut of a Chinaman*); after taking (*cut of a Caucasian*).

TESTIMONIALS OF PRESS AND PLATFORM:

"Your sheat is a blessing in dissize."—*Petroleum V. Nasby*.

"It's better than a third term or a war with Spain. What is \$1.10 beside the happiness of my relations?"—*U. S. G.*

Brace yourself, and look at our magnificent

LIST OF PREMIUMS!

To any one sending us the *money* for 1,000 subscriptions, we will give

A FARM OF 100,000 ACRES!

Located fifty miles west of San Francisco. It is well watered and rolling, commanding a fine view of the surrounding scenery. For 500 subscribers,

A DELIGHTFUL SUBURBAN RESIDENCE!

in Alaska. Street-cars pass the door every two minutes, and palm-leaf fans very cheap.

For 100 subscriptions, one of our patent, XXX, chain-stitch and double feed Oreide Watches, of the Big Bonanza pattern, and warranted full of insides. Sporting men admit its time to be the fastest on record.

For 25 subscribers we will send one copy of our Editorial Autographs in a sealed envelope. It is a great curiosity, being often taken for a Chinese monogram. Send early, as the supply will be strictly limited to the demand.

For one subscription and a genuine rag dollar we will send the

BEST QUARTERLY

Published on the upper surface of the crust.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET UP CLUBS!

Bates proved that he was a born journalist; he had the instinct which tells what is proper to print, and he combined wit and literary taste.* In July he fell into the bad way of not getting out on time, but many of his successors have been guilty of the same sin. He apologized as follows:

We are a little late this issue, but part of the corps has gone to Canada to see his girl; and then just think how much longer it took to build the Pyramids!

*After leaving college he adopted journalism as a profession, and he has attained enviable distinction.

Many fraternity editors who have racked their brains to frame plausible excuses for delays will heartily sympathize with the following bit of humor in the November number, which was probably a month or so late:

An impatient subscriber asks if we are waiting to get out a Christmas number. This is the November number, sir, no matter *when* you get it. Owing to the general debility of our printers, etc.

The following extract from a letter written by Thrasher shows that to Bates is due the credit of suggesting the eminently appropriate name of the SCROLL, instead of the commonplace name of the *Quarterly*, as the proposed publication was called in the prospectus:

On my return from Europe, in 1874, I found that S. J. Tomlinson, W. O. Bates, and myself had been elected to edit a quarterly journal of Phi Delta Theta. Bates and I did not like the name of *Quarterly*, and *he* suggested the name of SCROLL. Bates and Thrasher voted for and Tomlinson against, so it carried. We then mutually agreed on the division of work: Tomlinson, literary department; Bates, fraternity department; and I the alumni department. The matter ran thus for a year, when we shoved the whole affair off on Bates.*

The plan of having three editors did not work well. The following extract is from an announcement published over the signature of Tomlinson in the November number:

At my instance the publishing board has decided to concentrate its power in the fraternity department. The experience of the last year has taught us that this department is the one in which the interest of the members centers; and by a united effort of the brotherhood this can be made just the thing the Fraternity needs.

Under the heading "A Change of Base," Thrasher made the following statement:

When we began to work as editor of the alumni department of the SCROLL we enthusiastically wrote fifty or sixty letters to alumni of our acquaintance, and those of whom we could hear. The answer to this deluge of letters came pouring in to the tune of three or four lame excuses. Our ardor cooled. But it would never do to quit that way, so we wrote again.

The Government was growing opulent at our expense. The P. M. of our quiet village talked of higher wages, as the amount of mail-matter had increased so rapidly. Our philanthropical friend Stanley took pity on us, and furnished a very readable article. Brother Pickerill, ditto. Brother Norris, with a zeal worthy of better pay, kept sending us personals. Our spirits revived, and we scraped up enough "stuff" for the first issue.

Our experience with the April number was a repetition of that of the first. It then began to dawn upon our mind that perhaps there was not such a *pressing* demand for an alumni department as we had supposed. Possibly the *live* part of our Fraternity is all we care about hearing from any way. Pardon us for our vanity in forcing this department upon you, and we will quietly take it back.

Seriously, brethren of the Phi Delta Theta, the burden of issuing a

*A. B. Thrasher to W. B. Palmer, May 18, 1886.

magazine is a heavy one, unless the Fraternity as a whole puts its shoulder to the wheel. We editors have about concluded that one of us can run the whole of the business about as easily as one-third of it. With *one* at the head, the SCROLL can come out when advertised, the contents can be more methodically arranged, and the whole paper will be better worthy of your support and approval. Brother Bates, a practical printer, a thorough literary gentleman, and a whole-souled Phi, is just the man for the place.

The gist, then, of the whole matter is this: Brother Tomlinson and myself have concluded to hand over the whole editorial control of the SCROLL to Brother Bates, and ask your hearty support and coöperation for the SCROLL with its single editor. Whether it will continue to be published is owing to how promptly and how liberally you support it.

Bates wrote that their experience had taught them that alumni were "too much absorbed in the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches to take any active part in our enterprise," that "the working members have given the SCROLL a hearty but disorganized support," that "it has been found practically impossible to make the magazine entirely *sub rosa*," and he concluded an account of editorial trials and vexations as follows:

And now a parting, it may be a last, word. One end of the SCROLL has been unrolled before you; we have tried to predict what the other may contain. We have not hesitated to darken its folds with censure when censure seemed to be needed; nor shall we in the future. Yet, in the main, the task has been most pleasant and congenial. Our best reward for all labor and anxiety is the feeling that though we may never meet and clasp hands with our little band of readers, a bond of sympathy has been established utterly independent of the weary miles that roll between.

The first volume of the SCROLL would be a credit to any fraternity, even at this date. It contained much valuable matter. Chapter reports were well pruned, and all articles had good literary finish. The typography was excellent, and the general appearance was very handsome—so much so that even after other volumes had appeared the first volume was much used for "spiking" purpose. The printers were Joseph B. Wells & Co., 41 Virginia avenue, Indianapolis.

VOLUME II., 1876.

In accordance with the announcements in the November number, the first number of the second volume appeared with Bates as the sole presiding genius of the editorial tripod. Norris continued as publisher. Volume II., in every respect, fell far short of the first volume. Owing to a lack of proper financial support, it was very much reduced in size, the March number containing thirty-two pages, the June number the same, and the September number only twenty. In the latter appeared the following piteous appeal:

Can our complacent subscribers watch the SCROLL getting thinner and thinner, like a sick calf in a snow-storm, and not remember that some of them owe us for two years' subscription, and most of them for one?

News and comment were thrown together under the heading "Editorial Free Lunch." The following "rattling" paragraphs were the first offered:

Walk right up, gentlemen, and help yourselves to any thing that suits your fancy. It's all free—to our patrons. Does n't cost you a cent, and is worth every cent it costs. That bologna is from Cat-alon-ia, and the cheese has a mite-y nice flavor. This hash has been manufactured expressly for your trade, and contains ingredients from every table in the city. Any gentleman finding a chromo in his soup will confer a favor by furnishing a written testimonial thereof for publication. We respectfully request that all complaints of the pabulum provided, or of inattention on the part of the waiters, be reported at the desk, and the plaintiff will be kicked out at once. . . . Well, the SCROLL is out again, making one of its "angelic visits," as a brother in the Bond had the kindness to denominate them. Perhaps he intended a sly allusion to their tardy coming; and if so, he will please "report at the desk," as above. The fact is, we have been waiting for the thews and sinews of war before beginning the campaign, but the three following numbers will be issued promptly on or about the first of June, September, and December.

In the editorial part of the June number the following appeared:

The convention will be asked to take some definite action in regard to the future of the SCROLL. The present board hardly feel willing to continue its publication longer than for the present year. Having developed the idea of the magazine, and established it on a firm footing, it would seem but simple justice to all parties concerned that they be allowed to retire and active members take their places. It undoubtedly requires some work to issue such a publication—work which active members have more time and interest for performing, and which, coming as it does within the scope of their literary training, might be made the means of much valuable culture. There is also another change which should be made. The publishers have assumed the pecuniary responsibility of the magazine so far, and any one who has had much experience with college publications will not need to be told that the work is far from light, and the excess of assets over liabilities at the end of the year is not enormous. A much more satisfactory arrangement, and one calculated to extend the field of its usefulness, would be for the Fraternity to subsidize the SCROLL and send it to all members. With its present size the cost of publication is quite moderate, and the undoubted benefit of such a magazine would seem sufficient inducement to expend the amount required. It is, therefore, requested that a new board of publication be appointed, and recommended that a change be made in the financial basis. As to the number to be appointed on such a board, the convention must decide for itself, only remembering that sad experience teaches that the amount and quality of work vary inversely with the number of workers.

At the convention in July a committee was appointed to devise means for the support of the SCROLL. The committee appointed, on motion of J. C. Norris, consisted of J. C. Norris, J. E. Eggert, and J. W. Wylie. Their report, as follows, was adopted:

First. We recommend that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity publish a quarterly magazine, to be known as the SCROLL.

Second. That the Grand Banker be and is hereby instructed to levy an

annual tax of one dollar and twenty-five cents per capita for every active member of the Fraternity on the first day of November, and to pay the same to the publisher of the SCROLL in quarterly payments in advance, the first payment to be made on January 1 of each year.

Third. At each convention of the Fraternity there shall be elected an editor and a business manager, who shall constitute a board of publishers for the SCROLL, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Fourth. The publishers shall be required to expend the whole amount of the tax in the publication of the SCROLL, and at the end of each quarter they shall be required to make a full report of the cost to the Grand Banker.

Fifth. Every active member of the Fraternity shall be entitled to a copy of the SCROLL without further expense.

Sixth. Each chapter shall elect a sub-editor, whose duty it shall be, (a) to make a full report of the condition and standing of his chapter for each issue of the SCROLL; (b) to solicit and forward to the editor-in-chief literary articles, discussions of questions of interest to the Fraternity, and any items he may think of interest to the Fraternity; (c) he shall be required to send to the publishers the number of active members in his chapter, and shall notify them of every new addition.

Seventh. The publishers shall be allowed to solicit subscriptions from alumni members, and advertisements, to compensate them for their labor.

Bates and Norris were nominated respectively for editor and publisher; but both declining, M. F. Parrish was elected editor, and J. B. Pomeroy publisher. The plan of making subscriptions to the Fraternity journal compulsory on attendant members thus originated with Phi Delta Theta, and most other fraternities have found it wisdom to adopt the same plan. However, after the September number, the SCROLL appeared no more for two years. Undoubtedly the Fraternity lost much from this long lapse. Bates and Norris had done their duty, though they had not received the support they deserved. They merit the gratitude of the whole Fraternity. Volume II., except in size, was, typographically considered, about as handsome as Volume I. It was printed by Baker, Schmidlap & Co., 33 and 35 S. Illinois street, Indianapolis.

VOLUME III., 1878-9.

At the convention held in May, 1879, a committee on SCROLL, appointed on motion of G. W. Cone, and consisting of G. W. Cone, W. M. Evans, and J. C. Norris, made the following report, which, presumably, though not so stated in the minutes, was adopted:

First. We recommend that the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity publish a *sub rosa* newspaper during the nine school months, which shall be called the SCROLL.

Second. That the Grand Banker be and is hereby instructed to levy an annual tax of one dollar per capita for every active member of the Fraternity on the 10th of September, and to pay the necessary part of the same to the publishers of the SCROLL in monthly payments in advance, the first payment to be made on the 10th of September of each year.

Third. At each convention of the Fraternity there shall be elected an

editor and a business manager, who shall constitute a board of publishers of the SCROLL, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Fourth. Every active member of the Fraternity shall be entitled to a copy of the SCROLL without further expense.

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Sixth. The publishers shall be allowed to solicit subscriptions from alumni members, and advertisements, to compensate them for their labor.

Seventh. In each issue shall be a list of officers and trustees of the Fraternity, and the corresponding secretary of each chapter.

On recommendation of the committee, M. F. Parrish was elected editor, and George Banta business manager. In September the first number of the revived SCROLL came out as a small eight-page newspaper, three columns to the page. Under the principal title appears for the first time the words "*sub rosa*." Under the title of the editorial page is the explanation, "A monthly paper devoted to the interests of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity." From this time the directory of general officers and chapters was a regular feature. The first three numbers were printed at Franklin, Ind., and it cannot be said that typographically, especially as regards the quality of paper, they were superior. Commencing with the December number, the place of publication was changed to Gettysburg, Pa., and M. F. Troxell became business manager, vice George Banta resigned. J. E. Wible was the printer, and he succeeded in making a handsome paper. The Fraternity was much pleased with the successful management of the SCROLL, and many expressions of approval were bestowed upon it. All of the departments were well sustained. The principal subjects discussed during the year were extension, catalogue, and abolition of the permanent fund. In May was published for the first time the minutes of the convention of 1856. Nine numbers were issued during the year. It was proved that, with good management, the Fraternity could successfully maintain a journal, and a monthly at that. The revival of the SCROLL had a marked effect upon the Fraternity. Weak chapters were inspired with fresh ardor, new chapters were founded, and the general interchange of ideas encouraged many enterprises which resulted in Phi Delta Theta's material welfare.

VOLUME IV., 1879-80.

This volume was published at the same place, in the same form, and by the same management as the last six numbers of Volume III. It was, of course, therefore, no less successful. The economical management is shown by the statement in the

October number that the cost of printing and mailing was less than \$25 per issue. Nearly four hundred copies were sent out at that time. As in the last volume, the chief topics of discussion were extension, catalogue, and permanent fund. The articles on extension directed attention to desirable institutions to enter, and they undoubtedly had a telling effect in shaping the policy of the Fraternity. Abstracts of the minutes of several old conventions were published during the year.

The *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL was a source of much disquietude to some of its contemporaries. For reasons satisfactory to Phi Delta Theta, it was *sub rosa*; and what right others had to complain of its policy is not obvious. It had never exchanged with other journals, or received subscriptions from any persons but Phis. Its contents were intended for the benefit of Phis only, but other journals managed, by some means, to procure it, and they had no regard for its private nature. In the June number the following comment was made by C. L. Goodwin upon the subject of journalistic morality:

Do not some of the fraternity journals, in finding fault with the SCROLL for speaking in detrimental terms of the action of some rival, compromise their honor a trifle? They must forget that the SCROLL is published by Phi Delta Theta for Phi Delta Theta; and "*sub rosa*," a warning that in the days of chivalry would have kept the pages of our organ unsullied by the touch of profane hands, is prominently displayed on every issue. Alas that those days are folded with the past!

The SCROLL is as sacred as a personal letter. In such a letter would not the rival who especially delights in saying unkind things of the SCROLL on this score state its opinion candidly of some move or project of a rival? Most certainly! They surely discuss fraternity matters among themselves, and just so surely they have the prerogative to do so and the right to their opinions. Have they not the charity to give the same liberty and freedom of thought to Phi Delta Theta? We do not publish our opinions to the world any more than they; and if, by unfair means, they learn our opinions, to discuss them openly requires, to say the least, an inordinate amount of pure cheek.

This is written in the most charitable spirit. Phi Delta Theta has malice for none, and, personally, I have many noble friends who are members of rival fraternities of whom I would not speak unkindly. If our paper were published to the world, perhaps other fraternities would have a right to complain if we express our opinions too freely, but the SCROLL is simply a means of communication between the members of our Order. The seal of *sub rosa* is placed upon it, and a true standard of honor will allow no outside hand to break it. When, however, it is broken, the act applauded, and the contents of the SCROLL discussed openly, then honor has sunk so low that we dislike to notice the matter even as briefly as we have. Soon we shall have to cover with seals a personal letter, and write thereon, in plainest characters, "*Procul, O procul este, profani!*"

The SCROLL continued to please the Fraternity, and was the recipient of much praise. One admirer, G. W. Cone, expressed his adulation in poetic form in the June issue as follows:

THE SCROLL.

We've chanted the praises of loved white and blue,
Of dear sword and shield of Phis brave and true,
The Bond and our sweethearts: but never a soul
Was inspired by the Muses to sing of the SCROLL!

And so please allow me, a singer uncouth,
To sing of our organ, the organ of truth,
That, Samaritan-like, lives to cheer, to console
The knights of Phi Delta, our own cherished SCROLL.

The life of our Order, its counsel and guide,
Its kind elder brother, a friend true and tried!
Mind its precepts, my brother; it points to the goal
Where are love, joy, and peace! Let us prize, then, the SCROLL.

It will build up and strengthen, and spread far the name,
And give to our Order a national fame;
'T will remain stanch and steadfast while years o'er us roll:
Then support and sustain it, our treasure, the SCROLL.

In the editorial column of the April number were made the following practical and valuable suggestions with regard to the SCROLL:

Without presuming to dictate the future policy of the Fraternity, we venture a few suggestions which seem, in the light of our experience, to be practical and sensible. We think, in the first place, that the present provision for SCROLL management is a mistake. One man, both editor and business manager—or, if two, both situated in the same town—would have much better facilities for performing the work, and the whole machinery would doubtless run smoother. The present method is necessarily heavy, and conduces to delay, as all matter must be sent to the editor, and then to the business manager. Many secretaries, however, habitually, and others in their haste at the last moment, send their reports directly to the business manager (although distinctly requested to send them to the editor), and thus deprive the editor of the very matter he needs in preparing his editorial page. . . . The editor should be centrally located. He should be a wide-awake, thorough-going newspaper man, one who has had experience with the quill, and who appreciates the wants of the Fraternity, and withal a man of nerve and independence to stand by the right and fight against the wrong, and to pursue the even tenor of his way, regardless of the many whimpering objections and impractical suggestions which will constantly come to his ears. He should at the same time be a mild and patient man, whose influence would tend to heal all wounds, cement all fractures, harmonize all discordant elements, and unify and strengthen the whole Fraternity.

It will be seen that these suggestions were adopted at the next convention.

VOLUME V., 1880-1.

Number 1 of Volume V. was published in the same form as the last volume, but it had a convention supplement containing articles proposing legislation for the coming convention. One of these articles advocated a semi-monthly SCROLL. The number contained a highly interesting letter from Alston Ellis concerning

Phi Delta Theta at Miami during the period from its establishment there in 1865 to the suspension of the university in 1873. At the convention in October the committee on SCROLL, composed of M. F. Troxell, C. L. Goodwin, and W. B. Sullivan, recommended the following changes:

1. That the words "*sub rosa*" be removed from the title-page—this not to affect the secret nature of the journal, which shall be as heretofore.

2. That the form be changed to that of a magazine of about twenty-four pages, with title-cover: *provided*, that the cost of issuing shall not exceed the amount of SCROLL assessments and alumni subscriptions per annum.

A motion to table the report until the settlement of the financial policy was carried. The minutes do not show that the report was ever adopted, but the constitution, then introduced by W. B. Palmer, and adopted, contains the following article relating to the SCROLL:

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. A journal to be called the SCROLL, and devoted entirely to articles and news concerning the Fraternity, shall be published monthly during nine collegiate months of the year, and its circulation shall be confined to members of the Fraternity.

SEC. 2. Each National Convention shall elect an editor for the SCROLL, and the editor shall choose an assistant, and they shall perform the editorial work and attend to the publishing and mailing.

SEC. 3. The price of the SCROLL shall be one dollar a volume, and every attendant member shall be furnished with it and be required to pay for it.

SEC. 4. All money received from subscriptions to the SCROLL shall be expended in payment of the expenses connected with its publication; but the editor shall have the benefit of all advertisements. Each month the editor shall send to the treasurer of the General Council a statement of all the expenses connected with issuing the SCROLL, and give an account of all money received from subscriptions of correspondent members. The treasurer of the General Council shall pay to the editor, in monthly payments, in advance, the necessary part of the money he has received as SCROLL dues from the chapters, the first payment of each collegiate year to be made on the tenth day of September.

The same constitution has the two following sections in an article on dues:

ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. The reporter of each chapter, on the opening of each collegiate year, shall forward to the treasurer of the General Council one dollar for each attendant member of the chapter in payment for the SCROLL.

SEC. 2. On the initiation of a member in any chapter, the reporter shall forward his name, class, address, the date of his initiation, and one dollar to the treasurer of the General Council. The part of the amount proportional to the length of the remaining part of the collegiate year, after the initiation, shall be used in the publication of the SCROLL, and the member shall be entitled to the SCROLL for the remainder of the collegiate year. The remainder of the amount shall be applied to the other general expenses of the Fraternity.

On motion, it was ordered that

Any member who shall furnish the SCROLL to a member of another

Fraternity, or who shall carelessly leave it where it shall fall into the hands of a member of any other fraternity, shall be considered as having violated the Bond, and he shall be brought before his chapter for the same; but the SCROLL may be used in soliciting persons to become members.

M. F. Troxell was elected editor. On motion, it was ordered that the SCROLL be sent free for life to the surviving founders of the Fraternity, as a mark of esteem and gratitude. H. H. Weber was chosen as assistant editor, and the SCROLL continued to be printed at the same place. The form was changed to that of a magazine, two columns to the page. The cover was printed in blue on white paper; though in December it seems that the white paper gave out, and yellow was substituted. On the cover appeared, "The SCROLL: (*cut of arms*) Published by the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity," with the names of the editor and assistant, etc. Under the title, on the first page, were the Greek words, "Ἡρόθυμος ἐν Φι Δέλτα Θήτα." The inscription "*sub rosa*" had disappeared, though the SCROLL was considered to be still of a *sub rosa* character.

The contents of the volume were varied and interesting. An idea of their scope may be had by reference to the "Table of Contents," in another part of this number. Of course it is impossible even to mention in this place all the meritorious contributions and editorial articles; and this remark applies as well to the other volumes as to this.

VOLUME VI., 1881-2.

The management of the SCROLL continued unchanged during this volume. Its established excellent standard was maintained. Among many articles of note, most conspicuous and valuable were a series of historical sketches by Robert Morrison and some reminiscences of chapter life by D. D. Banta. The following important announcement was made in the February number:

The SCROLL finally yields to the exchange system common to all fraternity journals, and will endeavor to deal honorably and fairly with all. We have hitherto doubted the expediency of exchanging on the one hand, and on the other have not done so because the SCROLL is devoted to the interests of Phi Delta Theta, and to absolutely nothing else. And this latter ought to be the case with each Greek paper with respect to its fraternity. Facts being as they are, it is unfair and unjust to ourselves not to exchange. The SCROLL has been the subject of a good deal of ungentlemanly, as well as undignified, comment in the past on account of its strictly family nature and straight line of comment. We aim to get at the truth always, and shall always be glad to tell the truth concerning others. We trust the feeling will be reciprocal.

Which was followed in March by the additional statement:

It seems necessary to explain further with regard to exchanging the SCROLL with the journals of other fraternities. We have been asked from several directions if this invalidated the *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL.

Most certainly not. Our monthly is no more to be shown to outside parties now than it ever was. The exchange is made not with the whole fraternity world in the exchange system, but with the editor or editors of the different Greek journals. It is altogether an affair of honor with the editors, and no unfair use is to be made of any of the journals; such being the agreement accepted by all who have consented to exchange with us, with the added stipulation that no purely private fraternity business be copied by another journal.

As intimated a month ago, the SCROLL has yielded to the exchange system more to prevent ungentlemanly fraud, and to conduce to fairness all around, than from any strong belief in the expediency of the custom. It is certain that at least two journals have been using the SCROLL for some time—viz., . . . How these journals procured it we do not know. Whether honorably or dishonorably, the matter may be decided by each one for himself. . . . Well, to be brief, the General Council, months ago, authorized the editor of the SCROLL to exchange or not as his judgment might dictate. The matter has not been decided hastily, and we trust it has been decided at last for the best. But the exchange with the editors of other journals does not make the SCROLL any the less secret as to the outside world.

In April appeared the following acknowledgment:

Our journal has been courteously and generously received by the other fraternity organs with which we exchange—this, too, notwithstanding the by no means enviable reputation which the SCROLL has enjoyed for several years because it did not yield to the system; and notwithstanding, too, the fact that the sympathy usually extended to a fledgeling journal as a new venture could not be given us because of our age. We beg to acknowledge with gratitude the kindly reception which has been accorded us by one and all of the Greek journals.

In May the editor came out vigorously against the "Pan-Hellenic Council," a scheme which had been proposed by the *Beta Theta Pi*.

VOLUME VII., 1882-3.

In the October number Troxell published his valedictory. During the time of his connection with the SCROLL its circulation, he said, had doubled. At the convention in October the committee on SCROLL, consisting of T. H. Simmons, R. F. Jackson, and M. W. Hutto, made the following report:

We recommend, first, a more suitable cover, such as the taste and judgment of the editor shall suggest. Second, that the number of pages be enlarged from twenty-four to thirty-two. We believe that the present interests of the Fraternity demand this enlargement. The present size does not admit of the reports of the different chapters being printed at all in many cases, and in others they have to be cut down. The cost of the proposed enlargement would be about one-fourth more than the present cost. This additional amount we believe can be raised without increasing the SCROLL tax. The Phi Delta Theta is the only Fraternity which requires its attendant members to take its paper. Hence, with this requirement and our increasing membership, we think the receipts for subscriptions will be ample for all expenses of said enlargement and improvement. Third, that the SCROLL be issued promptly between the first and tenth days of each month, excepting the months of July, August, and

September. Fourth, that each chapter keep a file of the SCROLL, and have the same bound for future reference.

The following addendum to the committee's report was submitted:

T. H. Simmons, of the committee, recommends that the obligatory *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL be removed, but that it still be considered a private journal, and that it be exchanged with other fraternity papers, for the following reasons: It is better not to publish secret matter than to have the same made public when published. Since the SCROLL is distributed so widely, it is bound to fall into the hands of many careless Phis. It is not often that we have secret matters to communicate, and in important cases it could be done by circulars. This change would necessitate a little more care on the part of the chapter Reporters and the editor. We should exchange with fraternity papers for the information we would derive from them; but it is inconsistent to send our *sub rosa* papers to the head-quarters of information of other fraternities. We cannot keep it strictly *sub rosa*, and, therefore, had better not pretend to. *Sub rosa* chapters, by omitting to mention in their reports the places of their location and the names of their members, can escape inconvenience from the change. M. W. Hutto concurs in this, that a *sub rosa* paper should not be exchanged, but opposes the removal of the *sub rosa* character of the SCROLL.

The minutes say:

The majority report was adopted; and while the paper is not to be marked "*sub rosa*," the editor was directed to take such precautionary measures as he may think necessary to keep the magazine from falling into alien hands.

On recommendation of the committee, G. B. Thomas was elected editor. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the printing establishment at Maysville, Ky., of which G. B. Thomas is manager, shall be called the "Phi Delta Theta Publishing House," and that the official printing of the Fraternity be done there, and that all chapters and members be urged to give it the benefit of their patronage.

The following resolution, which, less the compulsory feature, was originated by J. M. Barrs, was introduced by H. C. Carney:

Resolved, That each member of the Fraternity, at the expiration of his attendant membership, either by graduation or otherwise, shall pay into the treasury \$5, which shall entitle him to a life subscription to the SCROLL.

This matter coming up on the last afternoon of the convention, it was thought unadvisable to act upon it without more consideration, and it was referred to the committee on constitution, to report at the next convention.

In November the SCROLL came out from the "Press of the Phi Delta Theta Publishing House, Maysville, Ky." Otherwise the title-page was similar to what it had been before. On the inside, however, the Greek inscription was taken down. The volume presents fair press-work and paper, but evidently the

proof-reading was not done by a professional. The cover was printed in blue ink on yellow paper, and in one instance on red, neither of which combinations made the Fraternity colors, if that was the object.

The foregoing statement of the action of the convention in regard to keeping the SCROLL *sub rosa*, quoted from the minutes, does not exactly represent the true action of the convention on the subject, as the secretary was not accurate in keeping the record; but the effect of the action was to prohibit exchanges with other journals. This caused much dissatisfaction inside the Fraternity. The chapter at Indiana University petitioned the General Council to submit the question of reconsideration to the vote of the various chapters. The petition was published in the December number, and also an extended and conclusive editorial favoring a reconsideration, which closed with this announcement: "The General Council have directed us to state that they desire all the chapters to take this question under consideration, and give a free expression of their opinion in next issue." No authority whatever was contained in the constitution for the repeal of an act of a convention except by a subsequent convention. The constitution had no "general welfare" clause which might be construed to allow any thing. The question of reconsideration was put to the vote of the chapters, and the constitution overridden. However, except as to setting a bad precedent, it was wisely done. In the January-February number the editor wrote:

As each report came in we scanned it closely to ascertain what was the desire of the majority of units which compose the grand total of Phi Delta Theta, as to the advisability of again placing the SCROLL on the exchange list with other fraternity journals.

They are nearly all in at the present writing, and, although some chapters have not given their views, the greater number have spoken emphatically in favor of it, and there is only one dissenting vote.

We do not wish to be understood as posing as an amateur prophet, but must say that we foresaw the ultimate result of the action of the convention in this matter; and before the convention adjourned we had determined to exert our humble efforts to the utmost to again enter the friendly circle of exchange as soon as possible.

Thanks to the energy and good sense of Indiana Alpha, our object *in prospectu* was accomplished sooner than we expected, and without any effort on our part; so we are again happy.

This finally settled the question of exchange. The constitution suffered another slight and, perhaps, harmless shock. It allowed the appointment of only one assistant editor. In the January-February number the editor said that he could not make the SCROLL what it ought to be without more assistants, and he petitioned the General Council to allow him to appoint more. In March he gave a list of half a dozen assistants, and in an editorial note said that the General Council had notified him

that their appointment would be confirmed. Before Thomas was much older, however, he doubtless learned that assistant editors on a fraternity journal do not amount to much. The more there are, the less probability that they will render any assistance.

It is hard to understand why Thomas considered that he needed help when he was such a prolific writer himself. Never before had the editorial department been so full, or embraced such a variety of subjects, or (it may be truly said) reached such a high standard of excellence. Never before had the exchange department been so extended and so witty. Thomas and the *D. K. E. Quarterly* established a mutual admiration society, though between themselves they had several spirited discussions. While he never descended to coarse expression, he seized upon the conceits of the fraternity press, and with powerful sarcasm exhibited them in their most ridiculous forms. In April he had a cutting article on the *Diamond* of Psi Upsilon, whose editors he styled "journalistic lapidaries," and which had "a playful little way" of ignoring the existence of all fraternities except two—Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. In the May-June issue was a terrific comment on the *Chi Phi Quarterly* and the action of Chi Phi's representatives in the meeting of fraternity editors in Philadelphia. It began: "The high and mighty, great and only original 'I AM' comes to us in the person of the April number of the *Chi Phi Quarterly*." This was followed by a most scathing review. Nothing finer in the way of caustic criticism than these two pieces ever appeared in a fraternity journal; but Thomas was general in his attentions, and paid his compliments to all of his editorial friends.

The above reference to the meeting of fraternity editors requires an explanation. A year or two before, a Pan-Hellenic Council had been proposed in the *Beta Theta Pi*. The scheme was much discussed by all of the fraternity organs, but no practical suggestions were offered as to the meeting or the scope of its jurisdiction. Then the *Chi Phi Quarterly* suggested a meeting of fraternity editors, whereupon the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi* sent to the other editors a communication submitting a plan for a meeting of editors of fraternity journals on February 22, 1883, at New York, Philadelphia, or Washington, as the majority should determine. It was stated that the object of the meeting was primarily to adopt ways and means for the advancement of fraternity journalism; and secondly, to take some definite action in regard to the meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Council, or the Pan-Hellenic Conference, as it was subsequently called. On February 22 representatives of ten fraternity papers met in Philadelphia, and formed the "Inter-Fraternity Press Association." Thomas was chosen as one of the two secretaries. The meeting included a number of members of different fraternities

not associated with journals. It was decided that there should be a Pan-Hellenic Conference in New York, July 4, 1884, provided that ten fraternities would signify their intention to participate by January 1, 1884. The objects were stated, and a programme suggested. Thomas was a member of the committee of six which reported the plan. However, the Pan-Hellenic Conference never materialized, and the Inter-Fraternity Press Association has not come together again.

Although Thomas took up much room for editorial and exchanges, he always had room for chapter letters, and, in fact, always published a great many. In the editorial department of the January-February number this paragraph is found:

We started out with the intention of having this issue contain reports from every chapter in the Fraternity; so about two weeks ago, on account of the rapid manner in which reports failed to come in, we laid aside our editorial dignity, and rushing into the composing-room seized a printer's stick and put in type the "Important Notice" that about half of our chapters received. In most cases it had the desired effect, and we have received, so far, forty-four reports. We hope the others will be in before we put our chapter correspondence forms to press.

The success of this extraordinary attempt was announced as follows at the close of the number:

The SCROLL, for the first time, contains reports from *every chapter in the Fraternity*, but it required hard work to get them. As we had started out with the determination of having communications from each chapter in this issue, we did not entertain for a moment the idea of a failure. Some chapters had to be importuned two, and even three, times before they could be induced to report; and, in some cases, letters had no effect, so we resorted to the Western Union, and our "Special Telegrams" is the result. . . . This issue contains reports from *forty-three* active and *nine* alumni chapters, making a total of *fifty-two*: a larger number, by two, than any other fraternity possesses.

This unexampled feat created amazement throughout the world of fraternity journalism. In March the *Beta Theta Pi* was moved to remark:

The January-February SCROLL of Phi Delta Theta is a magazine of forty-six pages, remarkable for excellent typography, and for the additional extraordinary fact that it contains a letter (or, in two instances, a telegram) from each of forty-four active and nine alumni chapters, making a total of fifty-three chapter letters. If the effort does not kill some of those chapters, the Phi Delta Theta is tougher than most other orders. We will go a supper that friend Thomas does n't live long enough to repeat the exploit.

In April Thomas notified the *Beta* editor that he would lose the supper, as the same thing would be repeated in the next issue of the SCROLL. The editorial department contained the following observation:

The *Beta Theta Pi*, in venturing the prediction that it will be long before another number of the SCROLL will contain a letter from every chapter in our Fraternity, forgets that what has been accomplished once can be

done again, and also that the SCROLL stands preëminent as regards the number of chapter letters which it publishes. For several years each number contained from twenty to thirty-five reports, or about three times as many as are given by any other monthly fraternity paper. Our chapters like for the Fraternity at large to know what they are doing, and as a result of publishing so many letters the standing of the Fraternity in every section of the country is very accurately known at all times to all readers of our journal.

Sure enough, the May-June SCROLL came out calling attention to the fact that

This number of the SCROLL is the most valuable one ever issued, from the fact that it contains reports from every chapter in the Fraternity, the majority of which contain a great deal of interesting historical data. A careful perusal of these reports will give a better idea of the history and present general standing of our Fraternity than could be acquired by several years of investigation without the aid of them.

Several new features were introduced in this volume. A list of fraternities represented in colleges where Phi Delta Theta was established, and a list of the times and places of meeting of the different fraternity conventions, began in the January-February number. A calendar showing chapter anniversaries and other important days began in March. These were prepared by W. B. Palmer. In March a wood-cut of Hon. J. W. Foster was given as a frontispiece, which was the first time a portrait was printed in the SCROLL. Senator Harrison's picture was given in the May-June number. Sample pages of the forth-coming catalogue were included in the March issue. In March it was stated that the circulation of the SCROLL was seven hundred and twenty-one, "probably a larger number than is issued by any other fraternity journal." Of that number six hundred and fourteen went to attendant members, ten to exchanges, eighty-four to correspondent members, and thirteen "D. H." The May-June issue contained eighty-five pages, and as a large part of it was set in nonpareil, it has more matter than any single number of any fraternity journal published before or since. The volume as a whole is a very valuable one; and Thomas, in some respects, certainly was a picturesque editor.

VOLUME VIII., 1883-4.

Thomas resigning, W. B. Palmer was chosen editor by the General Council. The place of publication was changed to Nashville, Tenn., and the Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House did the printing. In the first number the editor stated that his assistants had been selected from Nashville, as he was convinced that the plan would be better than having them distributed around the country. The following announcement was made:

The SCROLL has gone back to its original size. Over eight years ago—it will be nine years next January—the SCROLL first made its appearance in the world. It was issued as a quarterly, with forty-eight pages in each

number. The typographical execution was first-class. We are convinced now that the initial number of the SCROLL was a good model, and that the size which it had makes a handsomer magazine than any other we could adopt. The SCROLL will now be much more convenient for binding, and will make a much more dignified-looking volume when bound.

Old-style type and uncalendered paper were used. The cover bore the words "The SCROLL. Devoted to the interests of Phi Delta Theta. Published by the Fraternity." In the number for March-April the SCROLL, for the first time, wore an engraved cover. The design is a large scroll, having across it, in two lines, the words "The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta;" above, the triangular banner, bearing the title-letters and year of the Fraternity's birth; beneath, a blazing altar, having a wreath on its side; beneath the whole, an elongated scroll carrying the words "Published by the Fraternity." The design was made by the editor and executed by Dreka. The cost of engraving was met by contributions from the various chapters, collected by S. P. Gilbert. So far as known the design was approved by the Fraternity. The only unfavorable criticism from outside was that of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, which averred that the scroll was dangerously near the flame. To this criticism, however, it has been replied that the scroll is protected by "Phi Delta Theta" running across its lower edge.

Chapter letters continued to be a prominent feature. The following explanation appeared in November:

We have wondered why it is that we have so little space for editorials, while other fraternity organs have a great deal, and we find the explanation in the fact that the SCROLL publishes about three times as many chapter letters as any other paper, and they necessarily crowd the other departments.

In the January-February number the boasted leadership of the SCROLL, in the matter of publishing letters from chapters, was demonstrated by a statistical table included in an editorial article, from which the following extracts are taken:

There is one department of our journal which does reflect much credit on Phi Delta Theta. We refer to the chapter correspondence. The SCROLL has long been noted for this excellent feature. Other fraternity journals have frequently expressed surprise at the number of chapter letters which it has published in each monthly issue. Last year the SCROLL published in one issue a letter from every active chapter; and the feat was repeated later. This was not very hard to do in Phi Delta Theta, but perhaps could not have been accomplished by any other monthly fraternity journal. The other editors were very much astonished. Mainly to amuse ourselves, and to see how far the facts substantiated this distinction of the SCROLL, we have compiled a comparative table showing the number of chapter letters published by each of the fraternity journals during the fall term of 1883-4. . . . This exhibit is very gratifying to us, and we feel proud of our chapter reporters. It will be seen that during the four months the SCROLL published considerably over twice as many letters as any two other journals; also that during that time every chapter in Phi Delta

Theta was heard from, which was not the case in any other fraternity. This result was brought about not by any special exertion on our part. Other journals, it seems, find it very difficult to get communications. The ——— has made several requests of its chapters, naming some in particular, from which it desired letters, and has expressed disappointment at not receiving responses. The ——— has been calling loudly for contributions, and complaining that the editor has to do all the writing. This sounds very strange to the editor of the SCROLL, who has a portfolio overflowing with contributions he cannot publish, and who has to cut down every chapter letter to the shortest limit in order to publish the gist of all he receives. Our chapter letters are of great value to the body of the Fraternity in furnishing accurate and frequent reports of the condition of every chapter. . . . This comparative showing, we think, is conclusive in proving the statement we have before ventured to make: that in intelligence of its actual condition, and in activity and enthusiasm of its chapters, Phi Delta Theta stands above all of its rivals.

The comments of the other journals on this showing would have been entertaining, but they did not comment. Perhaps, as they could not gainsay the accuracy of the statistics, they deemed it policy not to notice them.

Among the contributions published in this volume the most excellent were two by the brothers, J. M. Goodwin and C. L. Goodwin. In the January-February number the former had an article on "Fraternity Combinations," which attracted general attention. In the March-April number the latter had an article called "An Unanswered Question," describing the reveries of an alumnus over his experiences in the Fraternity. It was more widely copied in the fraternity press than any article that has ever appeared. A wood-cut of Senator Blackburn was given in the number for March-April. Lists of fraternity chapters, fraternity conventions, and fraternity journals were furnished again, as in the last volume. These articles, while calculated to increase fraternity intelligence—a very desirable end—took up too much space to warrant their publication every month. They appeared in the March-April number for the last time. On account of financial reasons two double numbers had to be issued, and only six numbers in all were published during the year. In the January-February number a table of contents was given for the first time since Volume II., which feature has continued through later volumes. At the end of the volume a list of titles and subjects was published for the first time since the SCROLL was established.

VOLUME IX., 1884-5.

At the suggestion of W. B. Palmer, the place of publication of the SCROLL was changed to New York. Desiring to be relieved of the duties of editor, he corresponded with members in several cities, but New York seemed to be the most suitable place. The General Council approved of the arrangement by which he should remain nominally editor until the convention. J. M.

Mayer and J. B. Shaw were selected as assistants, the principal duties falling upon the former. Robert Morrison wrote: "If our Order is ready for it, I think New York is the best place on the continent for the publication of our literature."*

The form was left unchanged. The printing of the cover was much improved, brighter and smoother paper being used, together with more suitable ink. The publication was from the house of Vanden, Houten & Co., 47 and 49 Liberty street, New York. Since then no typographical change has been made. At the convention in October the following article on the SCROLL was, on motion of W. B. Palmer, adopted to supersede the article on SCROLL in the constitution adopted by the convention of 1880.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. A journal to be called the SCROLL, and devoted entirely to articles and news concerning the Fraternity, shall be published monthly during nine collegiate months of the year.

SEC. 2. The National Convention shall elect biennially a managing editor and a business manager of the SCROLL, who shall choose the remainder of the staff, consisting of not more than two associate editors and two assistant business managers.

SEC. 3. The price of the SCROLL shall be one dollar a year, but it shall be furnished to correspondent members ten years for five dollars. At the end of each collegiate year the amount received from those who have paid five dollars for ten years shall be invested by the business manager as the General Council shall approve, and only the interest and one-tenth part of the principal shall be expended each year.

SEC. 4. All money collected from subscriptions for the SCROLL shall be expended in payment of the expenses connected with its publication; but the managing editor and business manager shall have the equal benefit of all advertisements.

On motion of W. B. Palmer, the following sections were adopted, to supersede the correspondingly numbered sections of the article on dues in the 1880 constitution:

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. The reporter of each chapter, on the opening of each collegiate year, shall forward to the business manager one dollar for each attendant member of the chapter, in payment for the SCROLL.

SEC. 2. On the initiation of any member in any chapter, the reporter shall forward one dollar to the business manager, which shall entitle the member to the SCROLL for the remaining part of the collegiate year.

The effects of these new constitutional enactments were:

1. The clause restricting the circulation to members of the Fraternity was repealed. This was demanded by the sentiment of the whole Fraternity.

2. Providing in the constitution for a business manager as well as an editor. Experience had shown the duties of both positions to be too great for one person.

3. Allowing alumni to subscribe ten years for five dollars. It had been originally suggested by J. M. Barrs, in private cor-

* Robert Morrison to W. B. Palmer, July 24, 1884: SCROLL, Oct., 1884.

respondence, previous to the convention of 1882, that upon payment of five dollars an alumnus be furnished the SCROLL for ten years or for life. At the 1882 convention H. C. Carney introduced a resolution requiring each member, upon leaving college, to pay five dollars, which would entitle him to the SCROLL for life. The matter was deferred until 1884, and Section 3 of Article VII. shows how it was acted upon. The provision that only one-tenth of the principal should be used yearly was suggested by W. B. Palmer.

4. Persons initiated after the opening of the college year should each pay one dollar, all of which should go to the SCROLL, and not part into the general fund.

5. All money collected for the SCROLL was ordered to be forwarded to the business manager direct, instead of being sent to the treasurer of the General Council, and by him to the business manager. This plan, suggested by W. R. Manier, business manager of Volume VIII., avoids much inconvenience in keeping accounts with chapters.

J. M. Mayer was elected editor and E. H. L. Randolph business manager. In the January number a new policy was thus announced :

Most fraternity editors find one of the most difficult portions of their work to consist in the collecting of chapter letters. The SCROLL, it is hardly necessary to mention, is noted for the fullness of this department. But the editors long for words with which to express their thanks and admiration for the active coöperation they have found in the various reporters. The diligence and enthusiasm with which reporters have fulfilled their duties have always been most encouraging evidences of their own abilities as well as of the prosperity of their respective chapters. Therefore we present the majority of the chapter reports in this number digested and condensed, only for the purpose of saving space for departments heretofore somewhat neglected through the fullness of our chapter correspondence.

But this radical change was not popular, as indicated by the following paragraph in the February number :

The editors have, since No. 4, received a number of protests against the summarizing of the chapter letters in that number. If the writers of these protests had carefully read the short note preceding "Chapter Correspondence," they would have discovered the reason for the summary, and they would agree with us that it was wholly justifiable. The summarizing has, however, called forth approval from some chapters and disapproval from others, and incited discussion on the subject of chapter letters as now written.

In the April number the editor comes out in a card, from which the following is taken :

The question of chapter correspondence has perhaps agitated Phi Delta Theta more in the last few months than ever before ; and the departure of the editors in certain directions has called forth much discussion and, in some quarters, much dissatisfaction. The condensation of the chapter letters, however, was not undertaken without reason, nor without careful deliberation. . . . The SCROLL is the largest monthly journal published by a fraternity ; and yet if all chapter letters are pub-

lished in full every month, the space remaining for articles of interest, outside of chapter correspondence, is comparatively small. . . . Whatever the opinions of individual members may be, the views of the Fraternity on this question are clear. The summarizing of chapter reports on one occasion by the editors was received by the majority of chapters in a manner that clearly demonstrated that they were not in favor of changing the system of chapter correspondence. Personally speaking, the correct theory of a chapter correspondence seems to be alternate reports and summaries, and a recapitulation of the year's work in the June letter. But as the province of the editor is to reflect the policy of his Fraternity as he understands it, and as the stand of the Fraternity in general regarding chapter correspondence is now clearly ascertained, I write over my signature to assure the chapters that the editors consider it their duty to give chapter letters that prominence and attention in the future which they have received in the past.

A great deal of valuable matter was published in this volume. Among the most meritorious articles are: "The Ides of November," by Emmett Tompkins, in the October number; "The Art of Spiking," by J. M. Goodwin, in the April number; "That Chapter" and "The Absent Member," both unsigned, but written by the editor—the former appearing in January and the latter in April. In March a wood-cut of Postmaster-general Vilas was printed. The volume contains 426 pages, besides a thirty-two-page supplement and an eight-page list of titles and subjects. One peculiarity is the brevity of editorial articles. Few of them exceed the length of paragraphs.

VOLUME X., 1885-6.

As the management, form, and policy of the SCROLL remained unchanged, there is but little to record about Volume X. Though not complete in all its departments, it maintained a uniform excellence. Several of the contributions are exceedingly valuable. In October appeared the resurrected minutes of "The First Convention" (1851), annotated by W. B. Palmer. The November, December, and January numbers contained articles by Robert Morrison on "The Crisis of 1851." This true account of a serious trouble that arose in Ohio Alpha in its early years is worth much to the Fraternity. Two very notable articles from the pen of J. E. Brown were published. One, "Colleges and Fraternities in Ohio," appeared in November; the other, "The Miami Triad in Extension," in February. These articles evinced thorough information and keen comparison, and though Phi Delta Theta was naturally made conspicuous, they were so free from prejudice and bias that they attracted much favorable outside comment.

A list of titles and subjects accompanies the last number of the volume. Of this number twelve hundred copies are printed, which is now about the average circulation of the SCROLL. By special arrangement, this number is prepared by W. B. Palmer, and is printed at the Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

CONCLUSION.

A few suggestions, perhaps, are in order, by way of conclusion. It has always been regretted that the SCROLL has not had a larger circulation among alumni. Some improvement must be made, as it is vitally important that the active interest of members be retained after graduation; and there is hardly any way of accomplishing this without making them readers of the SCROLL. But experience has shown that, if left alone, no great proportion of them will subscribe. The only practicable way of getting them to subscribe is to require them, before leaving college, to pay five dollars for ten years. Perhaps such a rule could not be enforced in all cases, but a great many would pay from a sense of duty, if for no other reason; and thus would be built up a large alumni list, the benefits of which would be seen in innumerable ways.

While New York is not the only suitable place of publication, it is, perhaps, for several reasons, the best place. At any rate, it is necessary that the publishing be done in a large city, in order that good printing facilities may be obtained; and certainly it is greatly to be desired that the place of publication hereafter be more permanent than it has been heretofore. The SCROLL should have a home, and should not be moved about.

Upon the present plan of the convention electing an editor and a business manager biennially, the following is offered as an improvement: The convention to elect a board of publication of five alumni, all residents of New York (assuming that that city will remain the place of publication), to whose care the management of the SCROLL is committed. The editor and business manager to be elected by the board, but nothing to prevent a member of the board from filling either of those positions. The board to have power to fill vacancies in the staff and to remove for incompetency or neglect. All acts of the board to be valid unless vetoed by the General Council.

The advantages of this arrangement are that such a board could make better selections, because of better acquaintance, than can the convention. Unless the delegates from the city where the SCROLL is published are chosen for editor and business manager (and they may be wholly unsuitable, or may decline to serve), the convention is compelled to select members for those positions whom most of the delegates have never even seen. But it is easy to learn who are the five most zealous. This in any city, and in their hands the SCROLL might be safely intrusted. They would select a staff known to each of them personally. If they should make a mistake in their choice, and get an incompetent editor or business manager, or one who would wear out after the first year, they could make it known to him that his resignation would be acceptable. Then a successor could be chosen, and the interests of the SCROLL would not be allowed to suffer. These suggestions are left to the convention.

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